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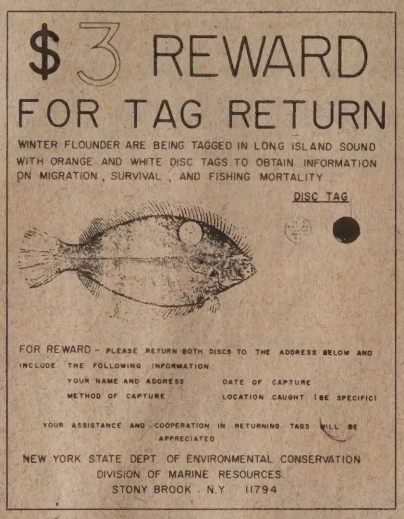
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3PM—Blessing Ceremony.

3:15PM—Announcement of drawing winners.

3:30PM—Free boat rides on designated boats.

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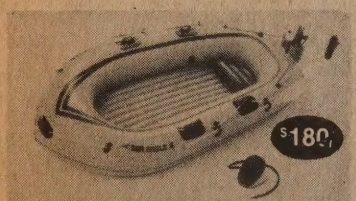

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MECLI HOLDS BOOK SALE

A mammoth used book sale to benefit the Marine Environmental Council of Long Island, Inc. (a citizen non-profit environmental group) will be held Saturday, April 30th, at the Pathmark Supermarket on Merrick Road in Seaford (on Massapequa border). The Book Sale will start at 11AM and end at 4PM, rain or shine.

This is the first annual Book Sale, and it will become an annual event to enable Mecli to carry on its efforts to protect our marine resources.

STRIPERS UNLIMITED REFILING FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES CLASSIFICATION

Stripers Unlimited, in response to the rejection of our petition for a threatened or endangered species classification for Chesapeake Bay strain of striped bass, will refile for this status later this spring. We do so for the following reasons:

The criteria for listing are: 1) Modification or curtailment of habitat or range. 2) Inadequacy of existing regulations. 3) Natural or manmade factors. 4) Disease or predation.

1. The National Marine Fisheries Service says there has been no change in habitat since the early 1900s. We would point out: (a) Intense development, both industrial and residential, and tremendous increase in population with its resulting stresses on the environment; (b) loss of shad and herring populations which provided the food supply for young stripers; (c) deforestation and development of intense low-till mechanized farming with resultant runoff herbicides and pesticides; (d) loss of grasses which provided cover for small fish. Herbicides were found to be present in bay grasses.

2. NMFS points to the State/Federal Management Plan as a cure for the striped bass problem. We disagree. The plan was a stop-gap measure to allocate the remaining stocks and was never meant as a solution. It is too slow and cumbersome and will probably never be agreed to by all the states involved. It does not go far enough because it does not address effort. There is still 100% effort on the remaining 10% of the Chesapeake Bay stock. There have to be limits on catch.

3. Man has added great stress to the fishery by the addition to the environment of herbicides, pesticides, chlorination of sewage, increased levels of nutrients from farming and the dumping of heavy metal residues from industry.

The recent multi-million dollar EPA report points out these problems. Dr. George Krantz, of the Center for Estuarine Studies at Horn Pt. in Cambridge, Md., states that, at times, 82% of the bay has oxygen levels which are well under acceptable limits for fish and shellfish. He further added that the bay is overloaded with nutrients and would take upwards of 25 years to come back, even if the addition of any further nutrient load were to cease immediately.

4. NMFS agreed that not enough is known about disease or predation to consider this factor.

NMFS has also used the Chafee Emergency Striped Bass Bill as a cure all for the decline. Stripers Unlimited maintains that the research has not addressed the heart of the problem. There has been no **meaningful** research into the early life stages of eggs and larvae under 30 days old. We observed and photographed many problems at this time.

a) Lack of fertilization, b) massive mortality before hatch, c) abnormal development, d) early chorion rupture, e) lack of motility in fry, and f) non-inflation of swim bladders.

In our petition we quoted from state and federal biologists who expressed an extremely pessimistic outlook on the future of striped bass due to contaminants and on defects in the state/federal plan at a Striped Bass Symposium held in Boston, Ma. three years ago.

There has been a continued and increasing pressure put on the stocks by commercial fishing interests. Market prices continue to climb and there appears to be no effort directed toward curtailing this effort.

In Massachusetts large breeders are harvested very heavily during the spring and summer months with that state accounting for upward of half of all striped bass on the New York market. Rhode Island netters continue to harvest the 16 inch bass with no thought for the future. Last September many small striped bass were tagged in two rivers in Maine and these tags were returned within two to three weeks from commercial fishermen in Rhode Island. Tagging data kept by a biologist from Maine confirm that these small stripers return to the Chesapeake.

According to a reliable source there were catches of several thousand pounds a day of large breeders from Chesapeake Bay taken off Cape Hatteras over a two to three week period this spring by commercial fishermen.

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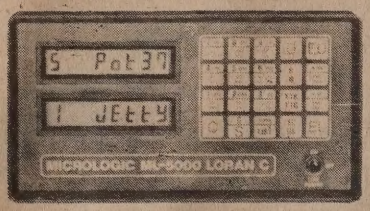

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Youngsters age 10 through 16 are required by New York State "Law" to obtain a certificate to operate a motor propelled boat on any waters (lakes, or offshore) without an adult. A 3-lesson New York State Conservation Department Division of Motor Boats Safety Course will be given by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 19-04.

Registration and Course begins on Saturday, April 23, 1983, at 9AM through 1PM, and will run for three successive Saturdays at the Setauket Yacht Club, in Port Jefferson, N.Y. 11777. **Late arrivals accepted.**

All course materials will be furnished free from the State. Bring a pen and pencil. Upon completion of the three lesson course, a diploma and a certificate to operate a boat will be issued by the N.Y. State Instructor, Rush Cox.

SURF & SEA ANGLERS: NEW OFFICERS AND AWARD WINNERS

The Surf & Sea Anglers, a Shirley based fishing club, recently held elections of officers. Elected to the Board were:

President—Bernie Bouchard; Vice President—Danny Norbut; Secretary—Andy Szeglin; Treasurer—Bob Pastore; Tournament Comm—Bill Van Helmond; Purchasing—Matt Dorak; Press Agent—Mrs. Lorry Mangan.

At a special awards ceremony, the following fishermen were presented awards:

Surf weak, 11.2, Ozzie Van Helmond. Surf blue, 13.5, Ozzie Van Helmond.

Weakfish, 11.5, Jack Giannola; Fluke, 3 lbs., Jack Giannola; porgie, 2.4, Jack Giannola; striped bass, 37.6, Rick Torre; bluefish, 19.12, Rick Torre; sea bass, 3.10, Rick Torre; blackfish, 8.15, Bill Van Helmond; flounder, 3.5, Dan Norbut.

Codfish, 25.3, Mrs. Lorry Mangan; blue shark, 298 lbs., Tony Troiano; hammerhead shark, 173 lbs., Ed Stanscheit; mako shark, 283 lbs., Tony Troiano; false albacore, 8.12, Mrs. Lorry Mangan; longfin albacore, 49 lbs., Rick Torre; yellowfin tuna, 45 lbs., Steve Antonoff.

Angler of the Year: Rick Torre.

Inshore Captain of the Year (tie):

Capt. Rick Torre, boat UPOARS; Capt. Jack Giannola, boat STRIKER.

Offshore Captain of the Year (tie): Capt. Rick Torre, boat UPOARS; Capt. Tom Montalbano, boat, SEA-TURTLE; Capt. N. Ray, boat, NEC-CA.

ACID RAIN, LOSS OF WETLANDS ARE MOST CRITICAL CONSERVATION ISSUES, WILDLIFE FEDERATION VOTES

The "environmental disaster" of acid rain and the increasing loss of wetlands are among the nation's most critical conservation issues, according to delegates attending the National Wildlife Federation's annual meeting in Albuquerque.

Air and water pollution, population, soil erosion and the loss of wildlife habitat were ranked among the major issues that the delegates to the 47th meeting of the Federation said are "among the paramount problems facing the nation."

The delegates represent affiliate organizations in 49 states and two territories.

"Acid rain is an environmental disaster," the delegates voted in a resolution. "The Federation believes that the only effective way of abating this problem is to control at their sources the emissions that form acid rain."

Citing the loss of about 450,000 acres of wetlands a year, the delegates voted to denounce the dismantling of the Section 404 permit program as "both unlawful and contrary to the goals and objectives of the Clean Water Act, and counter to the public interest in wetland protection."

The delegates also voted to reaffirm their support of a strong Clean Water Act and a strong Clean Air Act, and to support stronger toxic screening of hazardous materials.

The National Wildlife Federation is the nation's largest conservation education organization, with 4.2 million members and supporters. The resolutions adopted at the annual meeting of delegates will direct national staff activities for the next year.

Among the other resolutions adopted were those expressing support for efforts by state governments to enact new water conservation laws aimed at attaining efficient use of water by both in-state and out-of-state users; supporting existing Congressional policy of retention of public lands, and opposing changes in existing laws to allow short-term monetary gain to override public stewardship of public resources for the long-term benefit of society and future generations; and supporting increased sport hunting in Alaska in conjunction with provisions that ensure strong protection for Alaska's valuable wildlife habitat.

LADY REELERS FISHING CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The officers for the 1983-1984 season are as follows: President—Linda Panciarello; Vice President—Alice Mahlenhoff; Secretary—Suzanne Walsh; Treasurer—Angela Ferraro; Press Agent—Karen Chalson and Derby & Tournament—Carol Jaspers.

GATEWAY STRIPER HOLDS FIFTH ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

On Saturday evening, March 26, 1983, the Gateway Striper Club of Belle Harbor, New York held its fifth annual awards dinner at the Baron de Kalb Council of the Knights of Columbus in Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn. The following awards were just a small part of the truly great evening filled with good times and lots of good friends:

Largest striped bass: James Mckay.

Largest bluefish: Joe Augeri.

Largest weakfish: Frank Rannazzi and Joe Moreno.

Most Club Points: Joe Augeri.

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SQUADRON ANGLERS HOLD ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

The Squadron Anglers held its Annual Dinner Dance and Presentation at Theresa's on March 19, 1983.

The following members were presented with trophies for their accomplishments:

Men's Division:

Fisherman of the Year: Joe Soka.
Flounder, 2.12, Bob Fuller.
Weakfish, 13.7, Fred Vollmer.
Fluke, 4.0, John Fuller.
Bluefish, 11.0, Al Ratner.
Blackfish (new club record), 11.0, Jay Lev.
Mako Shark, 246.0, Greg Scala.
Hammerhead shark, 128.0, Joe Soka.
Albacore—false, 13.0, Fred Dombo
Bigeye tuna, 220.0, Harry Blair.
Longfin tuna, 56.0, Al Weiss.
Codfish, 28.2, Tom Avellino.
B.A.T. true albacore, 28.8, Ed Hanley.

Women's Division:

Weakfish, 8.8, Lorraine Kiedaisch.
Blackfish, 7.3, Beverly Ames.
Longfin tuna, 32.8, Charlotte Kornahrens.

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Swordfish, 115 lb., Page One, J. Vasile.

Blue marlin, 112, One Time Around, P. Scherer.

White marlin: 73 lbs, Carol Marie, C. Ciaffi; 71 lbs., One Time Around, P. Schiff; 59 lbs., Saggitarius, W. Alexander.

Tuna (all bigeyes): 315 lbs., Outcast, R. Wittman; 310 lbs., Angle-Jean, W. Krawzick; 285 lbs., Avante, E. Poletti.

Official Audited Club Results: Staten Island Anglers, 2,149 points; Oakdale Sportsmans Club, 1,973 point; Tournament Anglers, 1,375 points.

Special Award for the Most Cooperative Club, went to Tournament Anglers. They received a Basket of Cheer.

STRIPER SURF CLUB KICKS OFF '83 SEASON—NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

The Striper Surf Club Inc. annual dinner dance and installation of new officers was held on March 26, 1983 at the Spartan Restaurant in Queens.

The following trophies were awarded for surf caught striped bass over 15 lbs.

Most striped bass—Jack Vandekeift-25. Second most, Ira Friedman-15 fish. Third most, Bill Rothwell-13 fish. Fourth most, Joe Sarrantonio-12 fish. Fifth most and Most New York, Jack Driscoll-10 fish. Largest New York, Leif Gobel-32 lbs. Largest Eastern Seaboard, Peter Kane-49 lbs. 7 oz.

The new officers for 1983 are:

President—Joe Sarrantonio; 1st Vice Pres—Frank Demmerle; 2nd Vice Pres—Joe Vezo; Corresponding Secretary—John Kaye; Recording Secretary—Tom Incantalupo; Treasurer—Jack Driscoll; Sgt. At Arms—Bill Rothwell.

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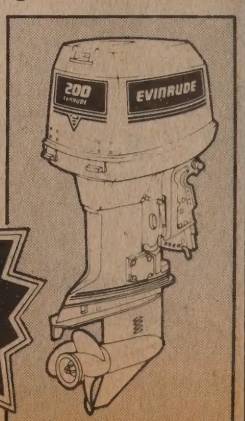

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The Captain's Table:

BROILED MACKEREL

by Eileen Regina

There is no such thing as the "right time" to make fish. A versatile food that lends well to snacks or repasts, served in any way from appetizers to main dishes, fish fill a need for protein that heavier meats or vegetables cannot supply. We all hate to overeat (at least most of us, anyhow; I'm not too sure about Andy!), yet do not like to go around hungry all the time. With fish we satisfy our hunger, but do not get that bloated feeling, deriving double satisfaction at the same sitting. If there was a right time it would be at the peak of the season of any local species because the fish would be fairly abundant, which means that not only would its freshness be fairly assured, but that the prices at local markets should be at a low ebb. Shipping and storing charges only add to the selling price of any commodity, and it makes sense that if those rates could be reduced or negated the total retail cost to the consumer would be reduced accordingly. Aside from this mini-lesson in economics, when local species are at a peak our erstwhile providers can usually catch a few in spite of themselves, which further reduces the total cost to the housewife. I know that my guy loves mackerel season, not because he likes to eat them that much, but because he has a lot of fun catching them fron one of those City Island party boats he's forever going out on. He sets some aside for bait to be used on other fish later on, stashing them in our freezer until needed, and leaves a few out unfrozen for eating. I usually thaw-out and use some of that "bait" later on too, but he never realizes his bait is gone until it's too late!

Today's recipe is for a simple dish, made delicious with a special sauce.

BROILED MACKEREL

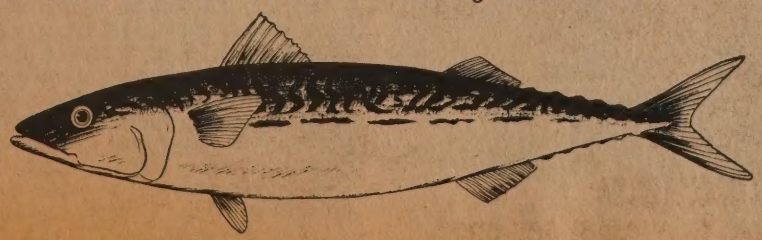
Ingredients (serves 4)
2 medium size mackerel
1 large clove garlic, mashed
2 tbs. grated onion
1/2 tsp. crushed rosemary
1/2 tsp fennel seeds
1 tbs. lemon juice
3 tbs. olive oil
salt and pepper to taste

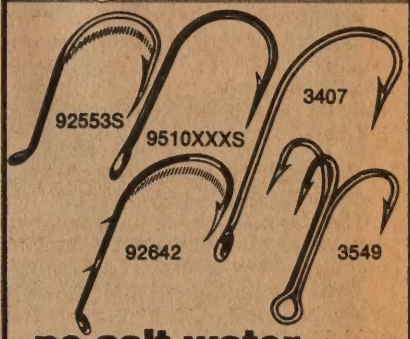
Have fish cleaned, split and boned. Combine all other ingredients and mix well. Place fish skin side down on a greased broiler rack. Coat cut side with mixture of other ingredients and let stand for about one hour. Place fish under preheated broiler, about 4 inches from flame, and broil from 5 to 7 minutes or until well browned. Baste once or twice with marinade. Serve fish with our lemon-onion sauce, a well-seasoned salad and crusty French bread, wash down with cool draughts of dry white wine of your choice

LEMON ONION SAUCE

Ingredients
1 medium Bermuda onion, very thinly sliced
1½ tbs. coarse (Kosher) salt
1/4 cup lemon juice
1 tbs. lime juice
1/3 cup minced parsley

Place sliced onion in bowl, mix with salt and let stand for one hour. Drain onion afterwards. Rinse quickly under cold running water and squeeze out as much liquid as possible. Combine with other ingredients and serve.





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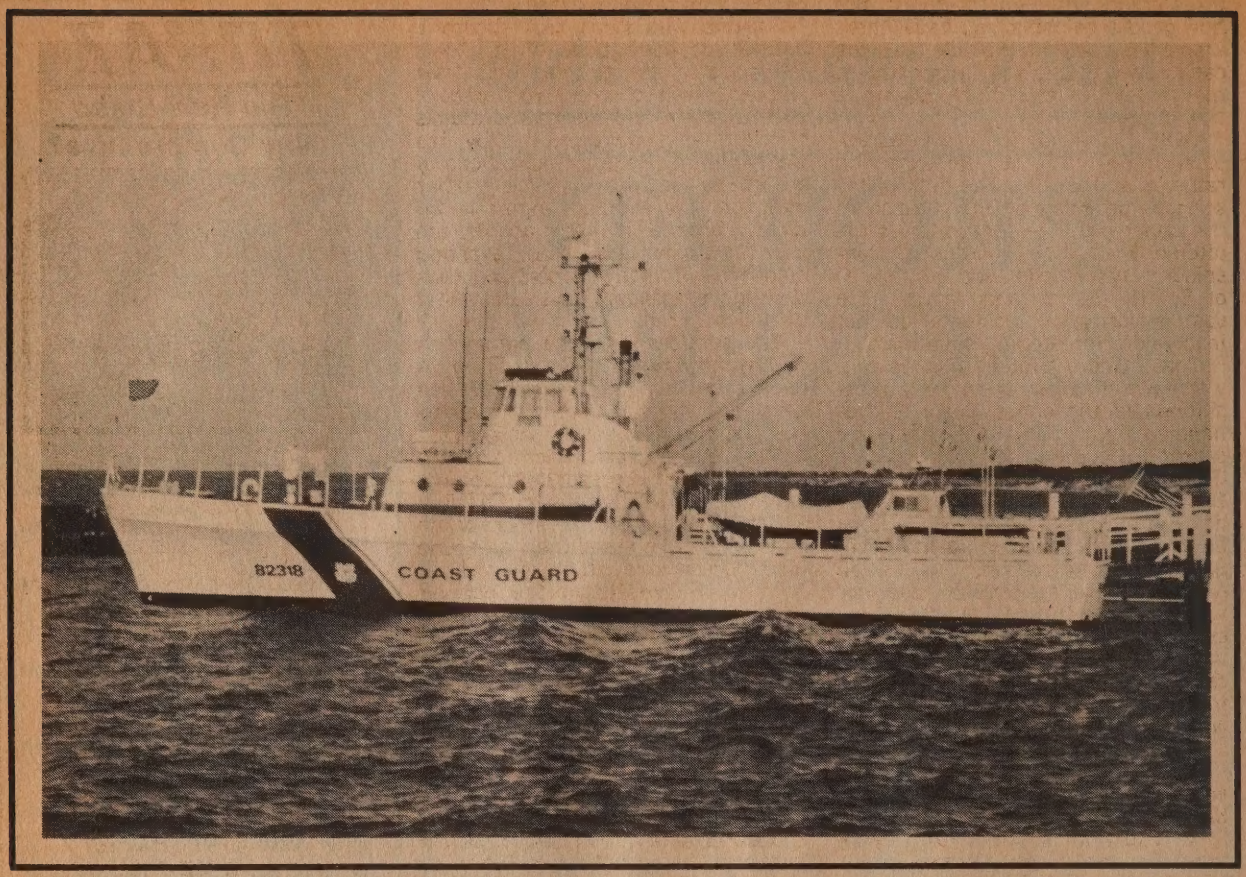
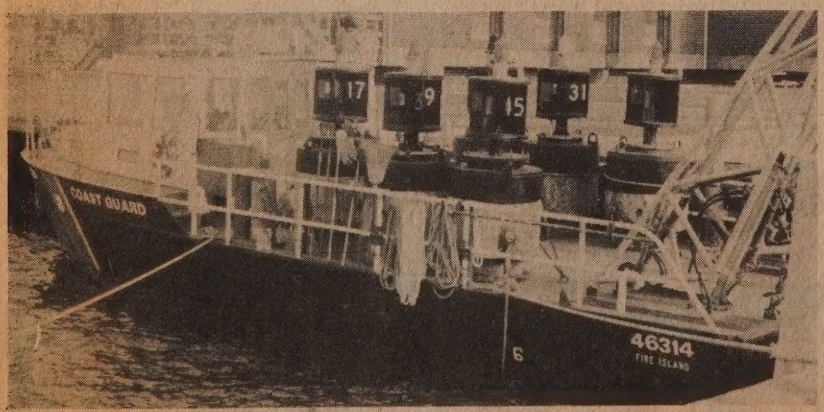


"LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBOR" THE COAST GUARD IS THERE

by Fred Golofaro

The above title, taken from a popular jingle extolling the virtues of a large insurance company, probably says it best. Just as this particular company claims to always be at your side when you need them most, so, too, does the Coast Guard always seem to be there when you need them most. When some unfortunate boatman/fisherman finds himself "in over his head" on the water, more often than not, it's the help of the Coast Guard that is sought. Indeed, many local boatmen view this branch of the service as their savior when out on the water. While the majority of boatmen will never come in direct contact with the "Coasties," it is nonetheless a comfort to know they are there if needed in a real emergency and, as is frequently the case, not so real an emergency.

There are a few people around who never seem to have a good word for the Coast Guard. They are often fond of relating the second- or third-hand experience of another boatman, which after years of being replayed during cocktail hour, has evolved from running out of gas inside the inlet to taking on water in a vicious nor'easter somewhere near the rim of the Hudson Canyon. Now you can bet your bottom dollar that these same gentlemen wouldn't hesitate a second to call on the Coast Guard if ever they did find themselves in such a life



Station Fire Island's 46' stern-loading buoy tender serves as a workhorse for the maintenance of all aids to navigation between Blue Point and East Rockaway.

threatening situation. I don't care how good a neighbor you have, there aren't too many around who have the capability of flying you out a pump in the middle of the night during a howling gale!

Well, fortunately for all concerned, such drama is by far the exception rather than the rule. The bulk of the services provided by this branch of the Department of Transportation are often of a far less glamorous and conspicuous nature and even in the area of S.A.R. (search and rescue), the vast majority of incidents do not involve life threatening situations.

Coast Guard Station Fire Island, which is statistically one of the busiest stations in the entire Coast Guard, handled over 1,000 SAR cases last season, according to the station's Commanding Officer, Lt. Rodney Bowles. Of those, fully 85% involved no immediate danger and 90% occurred within the confines of Great South Bay. In season, the station handled an average of 35-40 cases per weekend. Groundings and disabled craft (out of fuel, mechanical breakdown) were the leading causes for calls of assistance and many, if not most, could have been eliminated with the use of a little common boating sense. Twenty-five percent of the entire Coast Guard budget, along with 40% of its man hours go into SAR.

In addition to providing SAR services, the Coast Guard duties include law enforcement which in most cases involves fisheries regulations and drug trafficking, maintenance and placement of AtoN (Aids to Navigation) and marine safety. The latter involves inspection, investigation, licensing and documentation. It is through these less glamorous tasks that you are most likely to have had any contact with the Coast Guard and frequently, these services are taken for granted until one discovers that the lighted buoy they have been counting on all of these years to guide them back to port is out of commission.

AtoN (Aids to Navigation) is a major task within the boundaries (Blue Point to East Rockaway) served by Station Fire Island. The most recent count included 127 aids which must be checked for position and maintained on a regular basis. In addition, Fire Island Light is also the responsibility of the station. This spring, the task has been compounded further by new modifications to the AtoN system. For those not already aware of the changes, they include the conversion of port hand aids from black to green. On lighted port hand aids, green lights will replace white lights while starboard hand aids will remain red with an accompanying red light. A free brochure providing detailed information on the new changes is available by writing: Commandant (G-NSR-1/14), U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, D.C. 20593. Adding to the work load are 639 private aids which also fall under Station Fire Island's jurisdiction.

Anyone who steps foot aboard a charter or open boat to do their fishing can rest assured that their skipper is well schooled in the areas of marine safety and navigation thanks to rigid tests administered by the Coast Guard. Regular inspections of vessels by the Coast Guard is another way that the average angler is indirectly affected by this branch of the service. Boats must meet exacting standards to pass inspection, thus assuring passengers of a safe vessel on which to sail.

The services provided sometimes go beyond that which is required. A good case in point being Chief Ed Michaels who was recently feted by the Captree Boatman's Association for his "educational services, concern for safety and representation of the Coast Guard" during his tour of duty at Station Fire Island. Members of the Association expressed their gratitude for services above and beyond the call of duty by presenting the popular chief with a plaque and a heavy knit sweater which he'll be needing to ward off the chill of Maine, his next stop during his tenure as a Coast Guardsman.

Under the leadership of Commanding Officer Bowles, Station Fire Island has made great strides towards becoming actively involved with the local marine community. Each year, Group Rockaway, of which Fire Island is a part, along with the Rockaway and Short Beach Stations, hosts a two-day competition which this year for the first time, the general public is invited to view. Most of the action will take place on Friday, May 20 and the Fire Island Station will be open to the public for inspection on the following day, Saturday, May 21. You can drive over to the station or take advantage of the first opportunity for private boats to enter the basin by coming over by boat. There will be guided tours of the facilities and vessels and it's a great opportunity to meet some of those fine neighbors who are always so ready to lend a hand.

No article about the Coast Guard would be complete without giving mention to the many hardworking volunteers who make up the Coast Guard Auxiliary and whose contributions in the field of boating safety and public education are a blessing to the Third Coast Guard District. The Auxiliary has long been known for their popular Courtesy Motorboat Exams as well as their Boating Safety and Seamanship programs.

If you have been among those who have taken the presence of the Coast Guard for granted all these years, you might want to doff your cap to these men and women the next time you pass that buoy marking your way home or maybe when you step aboard a head boat for your next fishing trip. Or, how about some miserable, stormy night while you're tucked into a warm bed and the boys from the Coast Guard are out saving the skin of one of your neighbors!

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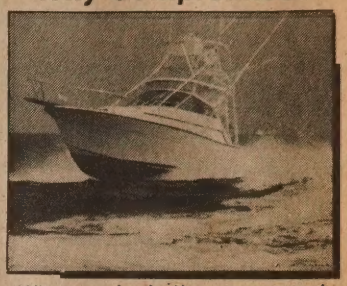

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STEP UP TO SNOWSHOES

by Matt Ahern

While flounder begin to fade from the minds of many anglers as May draws near, those who seek "snowshoes" anxiously await their arrival.

I was feeling miserable. Somewhere I'd picked up the 24-hour virus or something. My wife said it was all my fault. Anybody, she said, at my age who insists upon getting up at 4AM just so he can hit the best flounder tide at daybreak deserves all he gets...which may or may not be true, for certainly along with the virus I had been getting some pretty nice flounder in Shinnecock Bay.

And there I was, stuck in the house. The spirit was willing, but the flesh was weak. But all this was scheduled to change—and for the better. It was that evening in late April that did it. I was sitting at the kitchen table wondering how I was going to convince my wife that fishing was better than moping around the house. One look in the mirror told me it would take a lot of convincing. Frankly, I looked like hell.

At about the same time I was debating whether I should lie down a bit, I heard my buddy Nick Hauck backing his pickup truck into the driveway. He strode into the kitchen and stopped short.

"What the heck happened to you? You look like..."

"Keep it down," I said, looking around to see if my wife was in hearing distance. "I'm trying to figure out how I can go fishing in the morning. What's on your mind?"

"You're crazy, you know that. What's on my mind is snowshoe flounder. I got nine today, plus a couple of small cod, from that deep hole on Washington Shoal outside the Lake Montauk jetties. I got two for you in the truck. I was going to ask you to come along in the morning for another trip, but not now, friend. You look like..."

"I know what I look like. Sit awhile and tell me how the day went."

Two hours later, Nick and I were still on the subject of snowshoe flounder. This is not surprising, for flounder this size are always a fascinating subject to fishermen.

That these large flounder attain such a respectable size, sometimes going over five pounds, surprises many fishermen who are used to the smaller bay fish. However, on the offshore George's Bank, miles northeast of Long Island, they are caught commercially to eight pounds. Occasional reports make mention of 10 pounders.

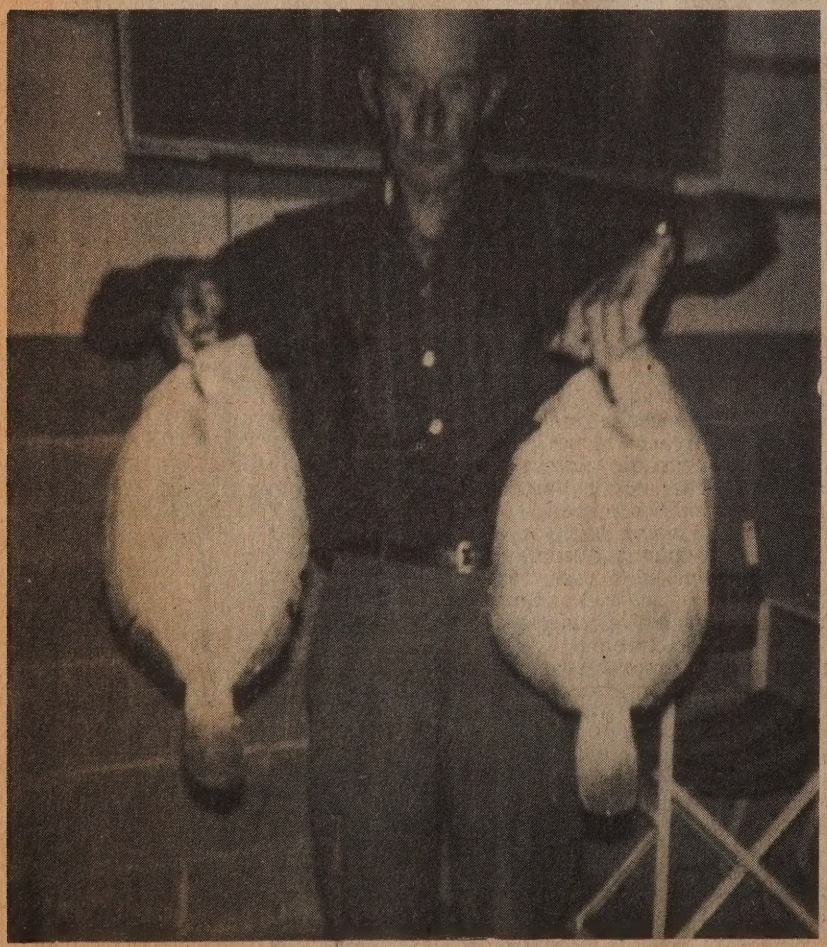
Because the flatfish family consists of over 500 varieties, many fishermen think of snowshoe flounder as a separate member. Actually, this is not so, for it has been established that the snowshoe is really a king-sized version of our common winter flounder. A flounder that for some particular reason has forsaken the safety of protected bays and made it on its own in the open sea.

Unfortunately for us flounder fanatics, these extra-large flounder do not spend much time in the easily fished local waters. Their season, compared to the common winter flounder, is very short and not too many are taken before the third week in April. When that time arrives, they can be caught in the open ocean close enough to the Montauk shore line to make fishing for them extremely popular, especially to the small boat owner.

Later, as May progresses and waters warm, snowshoes fan out to deeper offshore grounds. It is then when these large flounder are caught in substantial numbers around Block Island and its adjacent waters.

Rigging for snowshoes in the open ocean is just about the same as for bay flounder, but on a larger and heavier scale. Two #4 Chestertown hooks, tied tandem-style, are usually considered the best type, but another hook which seems to work very well is the #4 Sproat. Personally, I like this hook best.

A smaller hook will take these outsized flounder, of course, but when fishing in the ocean around Montauk, one can never tell when a good-sized cod or pollock will pick up a bait



Snowshoes grow to impressive sizes as evidenced by this pair of Washington Shoal flatties.

intended for snowshoes. Should this happen (and it frequently does), it is nice to know you have some insurance going for you.

The possibility of cod and pollock being present makes it a good idea to tie in a 6/0 Sproat about three feet above the sinker. Cod and pollock cruise these offshore waters all year long and if you bait up with a piece of skimmer clam on that high hook, you stand a good chance of nailing one.

If you're interested in this type of fishing, I find it best to use a conventional reel equipped with a smooth-working star drag. The reel should be filled with 20 pound test monofilament. Some fishermen like to use 30 pound test mono instead, but I believe the 20 is better for this job. If you have your star drag adjusted properly, there's no reason why you can't handle, without difficulty, any large cod or pollock you encounter. The lighter line will also allow you to use lighter sinkers. As for a rod, it should have the backbone to handle fish in fairly deep water. A medium-weight boat rod should fill the bill nicely.

Sinkers should be of the bank type and because of the strong currents sometimes encountered, they should be on the heavy side—say eight to ten ounces. My advice is to take along a supply of various weights and some extra hooks. It is always possible to lose terminal tackle on the rough bottom found from time to time.

Snowshoe flounder will readily accept the same baits as used for bay flounder, the only difference being that the bait must be in larger portions. The toothless mouth of the snowshoe demands the use of soft bait, and there is none softer than fresh bank mussel. This is also the best to use for chum.

Now for a bone of contention.

Some fishermen drop bank mussels into a bucket containing a little sea water and steam them for a few seconds. When the shells open, the meat is removed and a little salt added. While this method may be convenient and time-saving, it has one drawback: it tends to toughen the meat a little more than I personally consider desirable. I believe it is best to take that extra time needed to shuck them from the shell, without the aid of steaming, for when you do this, you'll put more fish in that bucket. Granted, they are more difficult to keep on the hook in this condition, but if the hook is run through the bait several times, it should stay on long enough to entice a fish or two. (Incidentally, this also applies to bay flounder fishing.)

Most complaints made by fishermen concerning the difficulty they have keeping fresh mussel on the hook are made by those who cast with them. Of course, they have a point; but when you fish for snowshoe flounder you will be fishing from a boat, which makes it unnecessary to cast to the fish. And since you will be chumming much of the time, the fish will be quite close to the boat, especially so if you use a chum pot. Many times when the current is strong, you may find it necessary to weight the pot, which, in turn, will bring the fish right under the boat.

Fresh skimmer clam is another good bait, especially the rim, or lip. This should be put on in such a way as to allow it to trail an inch or two in the current. Should you use skimmer be sure to cut the large, meaty tongue into narrow strips. Make your bait as attractive as possible. Bait that is bunched in an unnatural way will always take fewer fish, whether they be snowshoe flounder or cod.

Most fishermen I know associate snowshoe flounder with Block Island and the open sea, possibly because over the years this area has received most of the publicity. But they are found in several other places as well. Great Peconic Bay and Gardiner's Bay have a good population of these large flounder at the beginning of the season. Look for them around Cartwright Island, Promised Land, and Cedar Point. They will sometimes work as far west as Nassau Point and Robin's Island. (In fact, these places also produce good-sized flounder in the fall.)

It is in these areas where lighter tackle, including spinning outfits and eight pound test line, can be enjoyed. The farther west you fish, the less likelihood of finding cod or pollock, so you can dispense with the large 6/0 hook. However, I would still use the large flounder hooks. Surprisingly, these grounds produce flounder known to go five pounds. Most will be well under this weight, of course (we can't all be that lucky!), but on a good day you can expect several three-pounders.

The best way to fish these shallow-water areas is to drift until you get your first fish, then anchor and begin to chum with cracked mussel or broken skimmer clam.

As with all chumming, the secret is not to over-do. Use just enough to whet the appetite and set the fish off on the prowl for more. If the tide is not too strong, crunch some mussel and toss them into the current, far enough way so that most of them will come to rest under the boat. If the current is too strong for this, you will find a weighted chum pot useful. Fill it with either cracked mussel, frozen ground skimmer, or fresh skimmer which have been halved to let the juice flow into the current.

Along with the use of the weighted pot, you should put on a heavy sinker, one heavy enough to hold bottom without moving, and fish as close as possible to the pot. You will find the fish lurking there, feeding on the chum as it sifts out of the pot.

This is how I fish for snowshoe flounder. I've been doing it this way for sometime and have no cause for complaint. I know it will work for you.

Oh—I never did get to go with Nick the next day. In fact, I didn't get to go fishing for two weeks after that. That was some 24-hour virus!

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REVOLUTION IN ELECTRONICS

Conclusion — *by Al Ristori*

In this final part of the series, the author takes a look at Loran C units and VHF radios.

Finishing up with this electronics overview, let's take a quick look at Loran C, VHF and some of the other products suitable for the average boatowner.

The development of Loran C has been one of the most dramatic stories of the past decade. It wasn't many years ago that Loran (the "A" system at the time) was a complicated piece of electronics which took a good deal of expertise to use. Wavy lines had to be matched in order to come up with figures which didn't always provide a very exact location. Wreck finding was a real adventure with Loran A, especially when a station wasn't transmitting a good signal. On top of all this, Loran A sets were bulky and very expensive—certainly not suitable for the small boater.

Yet, within a few years we have Loran C units which are small, provide automatic readouts, and cost little more than a good graph recorder! Furthermore, the new system is quite dependable and will put you on a spot within 50 feet. This is not only a huge advantage in finding fishing areas, but a Godsend for navigation when the fog rolls in or a storm comes up. Most of the Loran C units on the market now will not only provide the numbers for your location, but also a course and time to your destination. The better units will store great numbers of waypoints so you can almost instantly get a course from wherever you are to one of your "honey holes." The most sophisticated the unit, the more features you'll get—but most small boat anglers can

New Si-Tex 787 Loran C

get by very nicely with the least expensive models. The fact of the matter is that with Loran C now so low priced, every serious boat angler should have this invaluable fishing and navigation aid aboard.

Loran C isn't as mysterious as some dealers would have you believe. You don't have to be an expert to install it, but proper grounding is essential. Alternators can create problems with Loran C and you should be aware of that. Also be sure to get a properly matched antenna recommended by the manufacturer. The one big and still largely unresolved problem with Loran C is the fact that the sets aren't waterproof. The small boater, in particular, must take great care to see that his unit is protected from spray. Waterproofing should be the next big advance in this field.

At the low end, Texas Instruments has once again lowered the price of the popular TI 9000A to a list of $995. That's a 50 percent reduction from just a couple of years ago—and, of course, you can actually buy that unit for considerably less. I've used this machine for years and have found it to be both accurate and reasonably weatherproof when kept on the deck of the console in my Mako 21. A steer option can be added to the 9000A, but your best bet would be to go up to the more sophisticated TI 9900 Navigational Computer that lists for $1895. The big excitement at Texas Instruments this year is over the LORSAT system that combines Loran C and SatNav (satellite navigation) to provide world navigational accuracy. This is a significant advance for larger craft that may travel to areas (such as the Bahamas and Virgin Islands) where Loran C signals are unreliable.

Si-Tex has long been one of the leaders in Loran C, and they're giving everyone a run for their money this year by coming up with some very sharp prices in a small dual track Loran. The Si-Tex 787 lists for just $995 and weighs less than three pounds. The case size is 5¼x6-5/16x 3¼ inches. Features include ComPu-Nav course-computer steering, eight waypoints, autopilot steering output and arrival alarm .5 microsecond from destination. In the same case, but more sophisticated, is the $1,295 list 787C which provides position in latitude and longitude and has a 60-position memory with automatic waypoint sequencing for up to 10 positions. Si-Tex has still more advanced units, plus the 755 remote which is waterproof.

The Mieco C-Master IV is a popular compact unit (3-5/8 inches high) that lists for $1695. However, the big news at Mieco is the new C-Master X which has just been released. This weatherproof system features a remote control station of cast aluminum which is connected to the protected receiver/CPU. Features include latitude/longitude conversion, computerized steering, arrival alarm, anchor watch with alarm, 100 waypoints and

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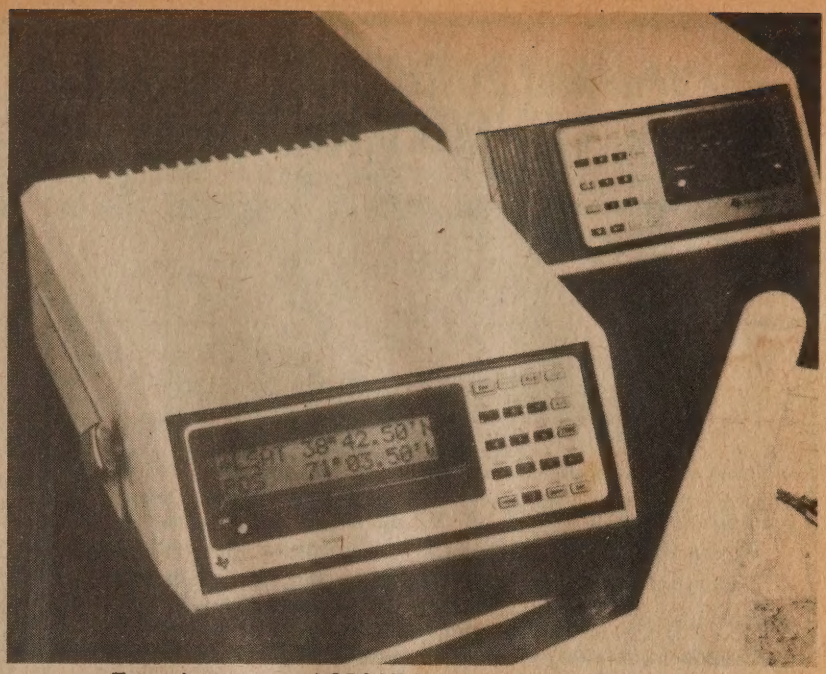

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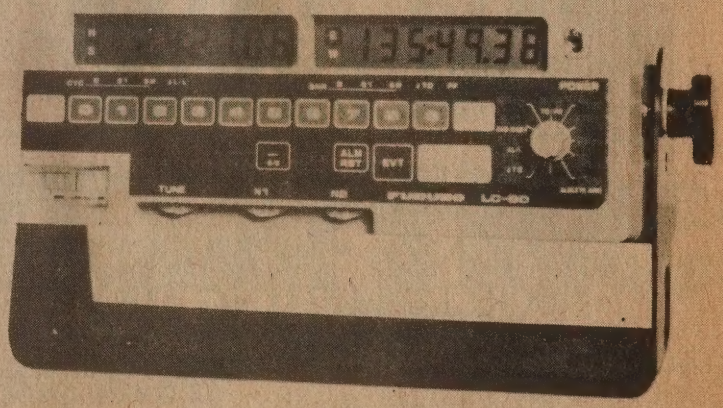

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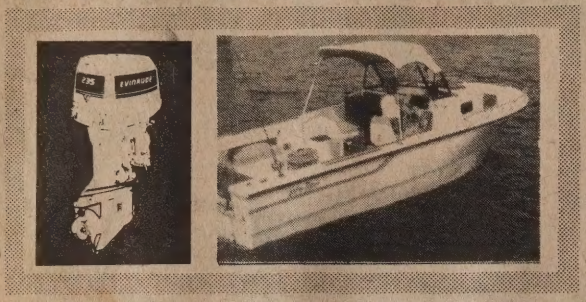

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autopilot interface. List price is $2595, but it should sell for well under $2000. Datamarine has come up with a solution to the Loran C space problem with its 4001 where the front panel can be supplied as a separate component linked through a cable to the electronics box mounted in a space up to six feet away. List is $2195.

Among the many other Loran Cs of interest to small boaters are the Micrologic ML-2000 that lists for just $1395 with full function navigation and 10 waypoints, and the Furuno LC-80 with loads of features (including latitude/longitude and 10 waypoints) for the same list.

There are many fine VHF radios on the market, and every boat that sets to sea should have one aboard. It's no longer even necessary to get rigged up with an antenna and to find a reliably dry spot for the set. SMR (Southern Marine Research) made a big breakthrough with their 78 channel Sea Lab 9000 handheld VHF. I heard SMR PR man Tom Henshel booming across about 20 miles of water last spring at Walker's Cay, Bahamas with the Sea Lab 9000 and couldn't believe that such a small unit could achieve that power. A rechargeable Nicad battery is used and the case is corrosion-proof. Dimensions are 2½x1-5/8x2-5/8 inches and the weight is just one pound five ounces. List is $449, but there are substantial discounts available.

SMR now has plenty of competition in the handheld VHF field. Ray Jefferson has come out with the 678 with similar features, and both Cybernet and ICOM have models that sell in the same price class as the Sea Lab. The ICOM operates on pen light batteries instead of the rechargeable Nicad. Slightly more expensive at $549 list is the Horizon HX200S which weighs 22 ounces and has a Nicad battery. The Regency Polaris MT 900 offers 55 channels, Nicad battery, flexible antenna and carrying case for a $429 list.

Regency Polaris is better known for their NC 7200 VHF which also incorporates the advantages of radio direction finding. With Loran C there is no need for that feature as a navigation aid (except as a backup), but the "canyon crew" swears by it for its value in locating other boats that might leak out word of good fishing. The scanning RDF locates the transmission instantly and the skipper doing the talking will soon have plenty of company! List is $1495. The NC 6000 is the RDF itself which interfaces with any VHF-FM and lists for $795. On a recent trip to South Africa I found many small boats at Capetown equipped with the NC 7200 because it serves as both their radio and the prime navigation instrument when fog sets in on that stormy area that lacks the Loran C we now take for granted.

Ray Jefferson's new 550 VHF-FM makes it almost impossible to miss a message by scanning not just a few

channels but all 55! There are now some VHF units on the market that retail for under $200, but they don't provide the range of channels—and you can bet that the "pros" won't be talking on the popular channels when they want to hide something! For the full capability you'll pay quite a bit more. For instance, the 78 channel Texas Instruments TI 2100A lists for $895 and the SMR 7800-X for $799. Si-Tex has a new entry in the 878 with 55 transmit and 75 receive channels. Their Nav-Add 515 is a VHF direction finder that operates with any VHF-FM marine radio.

Most small boats are equipped with CBs, and even larger craft find them handy for short range communication. As with other marine electronics, these units have come way down in price—so much so that you don't even have to worry about them being stolen any more! There are two ways to go with CB. You can buy any 40 channel model at all for as little as $50 or $60 and hope to get a year or two out of it in the marine environment before throwing it away. Inexpensive CBs cost more to repair than they're worth brand new! The alternative is to sink some money into a quality marine CB, such as the SMR Sea Lab 40+2. That unit lists for $189, but will stand up in saltwater and has two weather channels—an important feature if you don't have VHF.

There's much more in the electronics field to be covered, but the space provided just won't permit us to go into autopilots, single sideband radio, radar, etc. However, there are a couple of new products which bear mentioning before we conclude. If you go to sea, an EPIRB (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon) could save your life. Class A and B units are recommended for those who go far offshore, but Olin's new Class C EPIRB is suitable for boats ranging out to 20 and 30 miles. When activated, it emits alert and locate distress signals for up to 24 continuous hours with alternating signals over VHF signals for up to 24 continuous hours with alternating signals over VHF Channels 15 and 16. Power is supplied by 12 "C" cell batteries. SMR has taken over U.S. Fiberglass and introduced a revolutionary new VHF marine antenna system that guarantees substantially increased range and improved reception. The Stage 2 tuneable antennas utilize a voltage fed system, which results in an exceptionally efficient transfer of RF energy and an extremely low angle of radiation. Five pre-tuned models range from 4 to 12 feet.

The modern world of marine electronics is an exciting one that changes faster than we can write about it. Without a doubt I've missed many fine new products in the course of writing this series, but I'll be on the lookout for them during the season. Until next year, here's wishing you better fishing with the electronic gadgetry you select!

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SOME THOUGHTS ON WADERS

by William A. Muller

The author shares his views on this all important piece of surf fishing equipment.

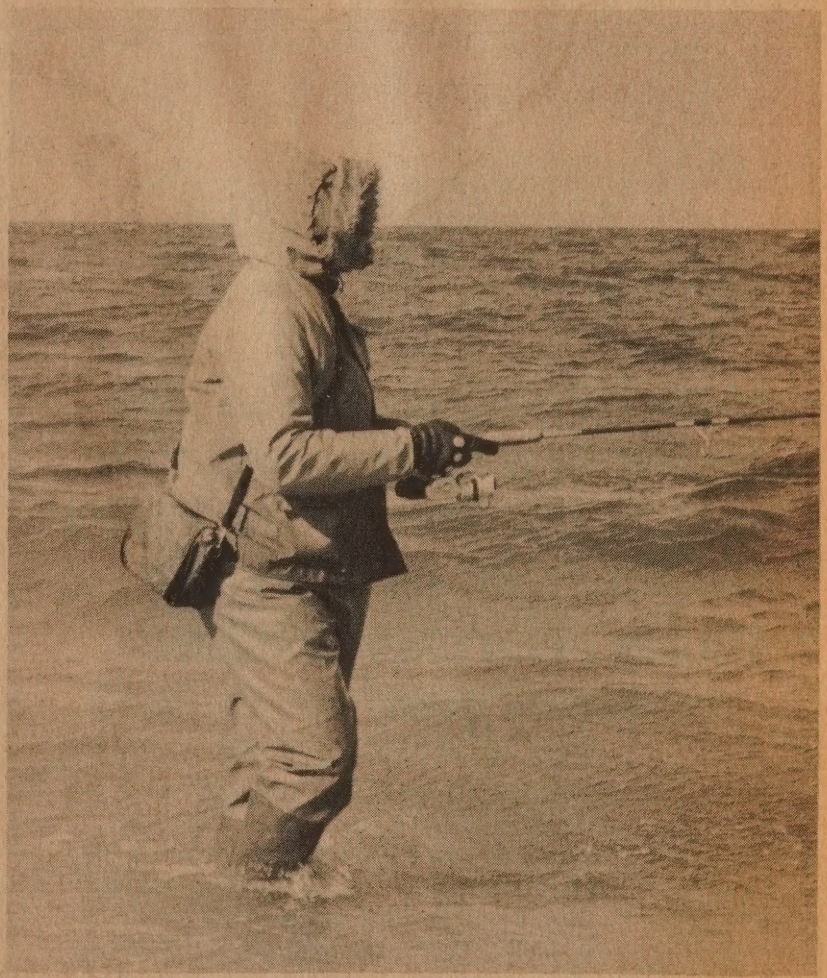
I struggled with this one a bit. There are several ways to approach writing an article about waders and it was important to me to present this in such a way as to be most helpful to the most people.

Originally I thought about doing a rundown of all waders. Model by model I could review their prices, standard features, strengths and weaknesses. However, there's a problem with that type of approach. With the exception of a few manufacturers, such as Gra-Lites, wader manufacturers have a way of changing their waders frequently. Sometimes it is a subtle change such as color, but often it is a substantive change that involves a process change or a design change. Thus, a model by model rundown might well be obsolete before you read this—at least in part. So, what I decided to do is to approach the topic in a general sense, and then make specific references where they apply.

To begin with, I believe I'm on safe ground when I say that it is the general consensus among experienced surf fishermen that the quality of waders today isn't what it was decades ago. There are always exceptions that make the rule and there are a few exceptions. Gra-Lite waders are considered an exception. These waders are made of a vinyl type material and there are some notable advantages to that, and I was pleased with UniRoyal's old top of the line model. But wait a minute, I'm getting way ahead of myself.

We'll get back to the above description, but let's start logically. Suppose you are rather new to surf fishing and you're interested in buying some kind of footwear. Should you buy hip boots or waders? Let's take this as our first question.

Hip boots are generally less expensive, grade for grade, because it takes less material and less man hours to make them. However, they have limited usefulness. Still, there is a place for them, depending upon how you fish. If you fish quiet water and have no need to wade out very far, then you can get by with hip boots. However, it is important to remember that even the gentlest splash will get you wet in hip boots. Most surf fishermen believe that hip boots are better left to the freshwater scene; wading in streams or the edges of ponds.



Waders are recommended over hip boots for most surf fishing situations. Photo by Dick Mermon.

The only real choice according to most who have the experience that's telling, is waders. If you plan to fish the salt water, there will almost always be some wave action and eventually you'll likely find yourself fishing the open surf. Fishing the ocean surf requires not only waders, but on most occasions, a foul weather top, too. Even in Long Island Sound or the back bay areas you'll almost always have to push out a bit to reach the fish and/or compete with other surf fishermen. Sure, there are folks who get by with hip boots, but the percentage of their successful trips falls below that of fishermen with waders and the size of their catch is generally smaller, too. Most of the time when you fish with waders you are standing in water from crotch deep to ankle deep and that leads many people to the wrong conclusion.

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That is, since deep wading isn't common they ask themselves why spring for the extra bucks for waders. However, it isn't the deep water that gets us wet—it's usually the splash. Admittedly, on many occasions the splash is light and intermittent, but don't sell it short. You'd be amazed at how wet you can get when fishing for several hours with only minimum splash conditions.

All right, let's assume that I have convinced you of the need to buy waders. The next question is what brand or grade should you buy? Generally, there are two grades of waders available: the cheaper grade and the more expensive grade. Some might argue, and I would not be quick to disagree, that among both grades there are subgrades. That is, the less expensive that aren't too flimsy, and the better grade that isn't too expensive. Another way to look at this is to point out that some surf fishermen believe some of the better brands are superior to others of the better grade quality.

That may sound like a lot of B.S., but it really isn't. You see, one can purchase waders in a price range of from about $30 to almost $200. Even among waders there are the Cadillacs of brands. For example, you could buy a classy model from Orvis in Vermont with a price tag that will make your eyeballs roll. Do you need to buy this wader in order to get the best? The answer to that question depends upon many factors such as your budget, your unique needs, and your personal experience. A Cadillac type model might offer special features, such as felt sole inserts, that may make the boot a bit warmer and more comfortable, but this may not be necessary for the average surf fisherman. I suppose if my thing was chasing steelhead and salmon in frozen streams I might think seriously of saving up the bucks for a model that offered a myriad of features that would make me most comfortable. For saltwater surf fishing, I think twice and three times about it.

Another comfort feature is related to design and may be of more general significance. In general, the better grades of waders will fit better and fit is important. You may have to walk several miles on the beach and in a pair of waders that don't fit right, you can become very irritated during a long walk on soft sand. In addition, good fit is important when casting and fighting fish. Generally, waders fit poorly by being too baggy rather than too tight. If I had a choice, I'd rather have a pair that's snug around the waist and thighs (compared to other waders, not a pair of jeans). Consider this example: If you are fishing the open surf or if it's rainy, you'll be wearing a foul weather top. Around your waist you'll have a web belt adjusted tight for safety and convenience. If you are a size 36 and the waders could accommodate a man with a 46 inch waist, there will be a lot of extra wader bunched up under your top and belt. In addition, you may look like your thighs have wings or flippers from the excess wader material of the thigh region. These "wings" will catch on everything from branches to hooks, to gaff points, to rod butts. In this sense, then, better waders may be worth the expense. One can carry this to extremes. There are some suppliers and manufacturers (mostly small specialty houses) that offer a custom fit. Again, you'll pay for this convenience. Is it worth it? Each person will have to make that determination.

Better waders also boast a better construction. That means the rubber, vinyl, plastic, canvas, etc., is of better quality as is the gluing or vulcanizing. Theoretically, that means the life of the wader should be longer. It doesn't always work out that way, however. I've bought very good waders that leaked on the first trip. Car manufacturers aren't the only ones to make "lemons." I've also bought waders that chafed and wore so badly that they had to be returned within weeks.

Many of the better grade brands also offer insulation. Usually it is the boot that is insulated. However, better grade construction and construction materials, also means better insulation in the leg of the wader. Is that important? Well, some guys are never cold, but I'm one who's generally always cold, so some insulation is very important to me.

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It should be clear by now that there are generally advantages to buying a better wader. These are long wear, comfort, warmth, fit, and durability in key spots such as the knees and crotch. However, all factors considered, it may be that some surf fishermen prefer a less expensive brand. For example, we know of several friends who prefer the Sears top of the line wader. The Sears wader is less than $100 (generally about $70, depending upon sales and store locations). It is rather well constructed and those I have talked to say it stands up just about as well as any good wader. One of the advantages they say to buying this wader is that Sears stands behind it; no questions asked. Therefore, when they have hac any problem with a pair of these waders they bring them back anc without any discussion, the wader is exchanged.

I have used the UniRoyal waders over the last decade or so and I would have to say that I've been pleased. The company has recently revamped its line and it remains to be seen whether the new models are as good as the old. The price has come down from about $125 to less than $100, but I hope the quality hasn't suffered. Time will tell. Just in case the old models return to the market next year or the year after, I got about three seasons out of those waders and remember I fish five to seven days a week. That's good wear for hard fishing.

Gra-Lite customers say they get about five years out of a pair for hard fishing and there is another advantage. The material isn't rubber, so you don't have to be so fussy about carefully hanging the waders after use by the boots.

If you are just beginning and/or you only fish the surf occasionally, then you may decide that a less expensive brand is for you. Less expensive brands are usually sold in discount sporting goods type stores. In fact, in some of those stores you may not find a pair of better quality waders. Typically, the less expensive brands are made in Taiwan or Korea. If you're not a hard fisherman, a pair like this may last a few years. If you buy a less expensive brand, examine it closely before you pay. If the wader was not packaged properly or was in storage for a long time there may be creases in the rubber. Since the rubber is of lower quality than the better grade waders, these creases will be weak points and may crack within weeks or a few months. Check the inseam area carefully for places where the seam is lifted. Do not buy waders like that. Also inquire about the refund policy. Will they replace a defective wader? Do they have others in stock so you won't have to wait for the next shipment? Get the name of the clerk who sells you that wader for future reference, and they them on.

Surf fishing is a growing sport. That's good, because it is healthy and fun. Give some thought to the wader brand you may be planning on buying. I hope the information supplied here will make that choice easier.

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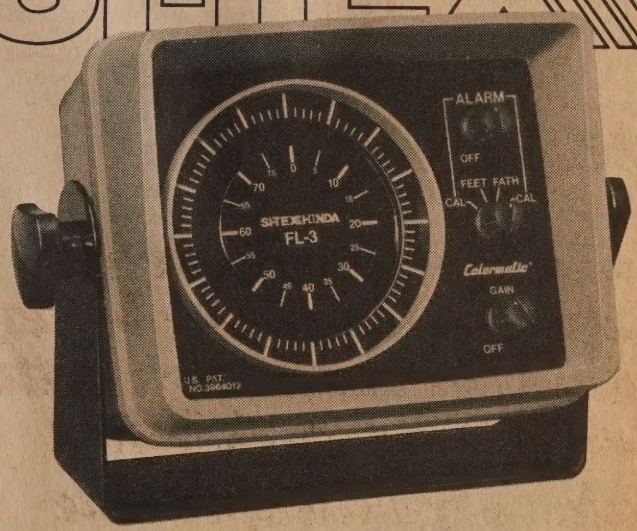

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COD ON THE SURGE

by Capt. John DeMaio

The continued abundance of sand eels in our waters has paved the way for a whole new approach to cod fishing.

With Long Island's south shore blessed with a heavy population of sea clams, better known in the area as skimmers, it's no wonder they are the number one bait for cod. Myself, having tried various baits for cod, will swear by the skimmers' ability to get the bites.

Now consider going codfishing without clams for bait. What would you use to replace the clam? There is nothing that will take the place of the clam as a codfish bait! Not on this part of the East Coast. Before using fish baits I would use a lure. The prime lure being the surgical tube. Due to great amounts of sand eels, the tube is an excellent cod catcher when used correctly.

For years catching cod on a lure was done only by accident. At first they were taken on diamond jigs by anglers bored with baiting hooks. A catch of 12 cod on a head boat by jigging was received with amazement and a certain amount of humor. A quirk that deserved a "How about that," and that's it. This attitude was often justified; for a few times the jig worked, a larger percentage of the time it didn't. I know that other parts of the world do well by the diamond jig method, but not here. This could be attributed to different baits that are indigenous to the area.

In those early years of "tubing" cod, the method was incorrectly applied. Most fishermen, including myself, would work the lure too quickly as when being used for blues and bass. Hit the bottom and reel quickly for at least ten turns, then repeat. That was all wrong. Slower and even slower was the answer. Also the jigging motion of up and down was perhaps most popular.

About 10 years back I was fishing on a friend's boat in late fall. We had located a school of 8 to 10 pound cod in one of Montauk's rips and in two hours around slack water we accounted for 500 pounds of cod. My buddy outfished me badly. He thought he was a natural wonder. The reason was scientific, not talent. I was using a fast retrieve reel with a full spool of line while my partner had an old, slow retrieve reel badly in need of line. Both of us turned the handle rapidly on the retrieve thus giving me the impression that we both were doing the same thing. I missed the obvious difference. His lure moved at half the speed mine did, resulting in more bites. It seems the lure must go fish stacked up on the recorder with bait markings all around, the tube will easily outfish any bait you can offer. This condition occurs mostly over open bottom. When working over rocky bottoms or wrecks, other bottom dwellers, such as bergalls, show up on the recorder and can confuse the operator.

Obvious conditions are not the rule and knowing when to employ the use of the tube rig is motivated by the fisherman's experience and knowledge of the area he is fishing. Yet there are no set rules in tube application. At times, the tube rig will work well when you least expect it. For instance, in the beginning I would never think of using a tube while at anchor. Accepted practice was to drift the tube across the desired area. This would help to locate the fish. Once located you shorten the drift. This still is the prescribed method for two basic reasons. One, you can locate the heaviest concentration by covering your area (most recorders will mark at the best while drifting), and two, the drifting adds more action to the lure.

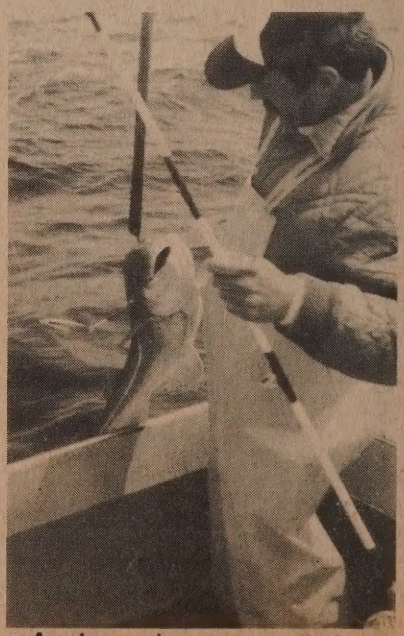
When the fish are "stacked up," anything hitting the bottom will catch a fish no matter how you approach them, either at anchor or on a drift. through the fish slowly for them to bite.

The accepted method for rigging up is to place a standard size tube, the size used on umbrella rigs, about two to three feet above a diamond by way of a dropper loop. I don't go for multiple tubes above the jig as in a mackerel rig. One well placed tube is sufficient. Adding a tube to the jig would be more suitable and effective than the multiple tube route. Having had some years' experience at this type of fishing, I've found that the plain jig catches very few cod.

More about the diamond jig. So convinced am I that the tube does all the work, that I often take the hook off the jig when fishing over rough bottom. Constant hangs result in loss of fishing time, not to mention lost tackle. During days of exceptional fishing, I have removed one hook to avoid catching double-headers. Two large cold pulling against each other, not the reel drag, can easily tear a rig apart. When you're lucky enough to get away with it, I have seen double-headers amount to 70 pounds of cod hit the deck.

Knowing when to use the tube rig is always a guess. At times it is an obvious decision. When you find the

Jig and tube combos account for some very large cod, as evidenced here.



A nice cod comes over the gunwale of the author's boat. Note jig and tube.

Anchoring on a stack of big cod is one way of really loading up, but it does have its problems. The biggest one being wind against the tide creating a situation of not knowing how the boat will lay at anchor. This can be eliminated by a test drift before anchoring and perhaps a buoy on top of the fish for exact location. Loran Cs are great for marking a location but nothing beats the buoy. Another problem develops when anchoring in a hard running tide. Fish must be fought against the tide which can result in cod actually being torn from the hook. Also, cod may not bite the tube rig while at anchor.

Let me go into detail about that last point. It has been my experience that when the tide is running and the line angles as it works the bottom, fish will rarely strike a jig. The same anchor position on slack water when the line is being worked on the bottom straight up and down will draw action.

Many times I have picked up the jig and tube rod and began working it while the rest of my party used bait. The results have been varied. What occurs most often is to immediately knock off a few cod followed by an abrupt halt to the action. This must result from only two possible reasons. One, you have caught the only fish working above the bottom, or two, the cod have wised up to the lure. Unlike drifting at anchor, the lure goes up and down in the same area giving the fish a constant look at the lure. When cod are blitzing, a good look is meaningless. I have placed a rod in a rod holder with the rig just over the bottom and watch it catch fish all on its own. The roll of the boat will often give you enough action at the working end of the line. Even when fishing would be considered slow, this has worked well. This can only attest to the fact that the cod are susceptible to subtle movements.

Delicate movement brings us to lure usage, and tackle. Never use a diamond jig heavier than is needed. A light fluttering action while sinking slows the descent down and will allow the cod time to pick up the tube. In the tube department, I would recommend the Sekora tube #40. This is a thin walled tube that permits the tube to spin with even the slightest movement. The hook is small but extremely strong and will hold up to almost anything. If these tubes aren't available make sure your tube is no more than seven inches in length and made of thin walled tubing. When using Mustad tube hooks start with a 9/0 size. Bigger tubes and hooks will catch also, but I put my faith in the smaller thin walled variety.

Before lowering your rig to the bottom, drop it over the side, beneath the surface and tow it back and forth. Look closely at the tube and make sure it is spinning. If your tube does not spin easily try adjusting it on the hook. When all fails, try a new tube. I cannot stress strongly enough the importance of the tube spinning. No spin—no fish! Every tube and hook can be different. It no longer amazes me to see one tube badly outfish another. A poorly working tube on the dropper loop can also turn off the fish from the tube on the jib. Make sure you continually check your tube, especially when you're catching fish as a hooked fish will often push the tube ahead onto the swivel, resulting in no spin.

Lower the rig as rapidly as possible while still maintaining control. Bites can occur at any time and the angler should be ready to set the hook. Once you reach bottom, a couple of fast turns will get your lure off the bottom as well as take up the slack. Now slowly turn the handle.

This style of catching codfish elevates the fish into the sportsman category instead of the basic meat and potatoes concept associated with cod. While on this manner of thought, cod are good performers. They may not make wild runs but they pull like hell and give a good account of themselves. All the more so in shallow water.

Another misconception of many anglers is that bait will catch bigger cod. Not so! In the past seven years my most memorable cod trips were made so by the use of jigs and tubes. Not only the most but the biggest. In the past two years the biggest cod taken on my boat were fish of 60 and 54 pounds. Both on the small tube I mentioned.

Although I have proven the merit of tubes time and again, I will still take clams for bait when going codfishing. Old habits are hard to break and after all, for every good day I had on tubes I had a dozen or so using skimmers. This is true for no other reason than we fish the bait primarily and use the tubes as a backup. Party boats use the tubes mostly on pollock.

Tubes are inhibited by the angler's ability. Some excellent bait fishermen are at a loss when confronted with using a tube rig and getting the desired movement. That delicate touch and finesse created by the angler adds that extra juice to codfishing. Tubes will never entirely replace clams. Clams are like credit cards when you go codfishing, "never leave home without them." Comes the day when bait clams are unavailable, I'm sure there will be another bait to take its place. What I am trying to put across is that there is a lot of good codfishing to be had using tubes. Learning where and how to use them correctly is the hard part.

If all this seems new to you, your first attempts may be difficult. An angler will eventually discover, through experience, the subtle nuances in using a particular lure much as a professional singer works over a Cole Porter lyric. Fishing with more than one angler provides the chance for comparison. Take advantage of it. Explore the possibilities of the number one sand eel imitator, the tube.

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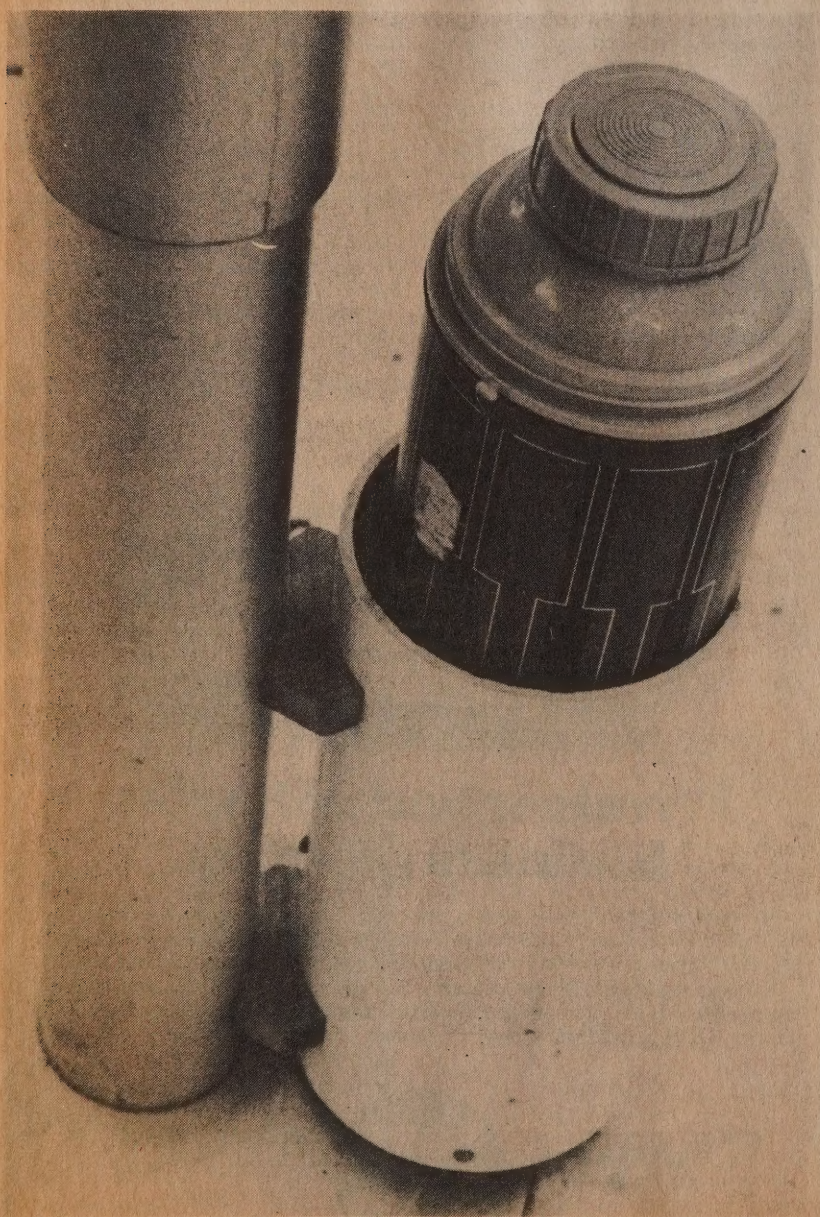
Part Two — *by Ray Hendrickson*

Broken thermos, sun-baked camera, or peanut butter swimming in dissolved bread are but a few of the countless aberrations that can smudge an otherwise brilliant day afloat. Continually wondering where the heck things are when you need them "now" can also knock the edge off a day, if only subliminally. Custom rigging, fitting **your** boat out to suit **your** personal preferences does a lot to keep the sun shining full bore.

Coffee lovers—how about that thermos? How many have you broken, or do you keep it stashed so deep and safe in a corner that you can hardly get at it? PVC pipe (I'm beginning to sound like a PVC addict, eh?) to the rescue. Cut a length of 4 inch pipe about an inch shorter than your quart jug and insert a half inch dowel across the bottom about 3/4 inches up from the edge. Mount the holder to a convenient near-vertical surface with stainless steel bands or reworked hose clamps (as mentioned last week).



Installed on a pedestal seat stanchion, this PVC holster keeps the coffee jug safely out of the way, yet instantly available.

If your boat has pedestal seats, the holder mounts nicely to the stanchion by inserting two pieces of contoured wood between the PVC and the stanchion, saddling one to the other. While we're at it, take a long hard look at that area. Chances are you'll think of other items that can be tucked there. Maybe a small lure rack, a billy—whatever comes to mind.

Dock lines, tail ropes and other cordage can also be stowed against these stanchions, tucked into shock cord loops fastened to the metal with self-tapping screws and washers. Shock cord can also be stretched along the wall of a below-decks locker to keep lines suspended with at least half a chance of drying out between trips. Another method of stowing lines is to lay the hanks over a length of clothes pole suspended under the gunwale decking. Wood blocks or short pieces of non-ferrous tubing serve as standoffs when secured with appropriately long hardware. The hanked lines are simply passed over the horizontal pole and come to rest when the wrapped bight in the hank jams between the pole and the gunwale.

Out of sequence, perhaps (although you'll find precious little order to this treatise), glasses to go with that coffee jug and other potables also benefit from a bit of protection. There are a few quality gimbaled holders to be found, but they're expensive. The cheapies rust. Although you can use PVC (what, again?) pipe, it's akin to overgunning. What does serve admirably are a few of the molded plastic holders made to slip over an automobile window sill. Cut off the bent portion with heavy scissors, round the edges a bit and pop rivet to a convenient support. (I don't frequently advise using pop rivets, but in this case they're perfectly adequate, and they can always be removed by drilling off the heads.)

There's never enough storage room—particularly **dry** storage aboard a boat, and on center consoles

the interior space immediately forward of one's knees is often the only really dry area. Unfortunately, the opening is either left uncovered by the builder, or it's rigged with a pair of louvered doors that virtually traps the contents within. Here's a closure method I used for years on two center consoles.

Cut a piece of heavy boat cushion fabric to overlap the opening on top and sides, and sew a hem in the bottom edge large enough in which to slip a half inch wood dowel. Position this drape with the hem just clear of the cockpit sole and cover the top edge with a strip of wood about 3/4x1/2; screwing the wood to the console with the fabric sandwiched in-between. Secure a strap inside the upper edge of the opening and install a fastener on the outside just above where the rolled-up drape comes to rest. A short length of shock cord with a hooking arrangement works even better. When closed, the drape is secured with a pair of Dot® or twist-type canvas fasteners at the bottom.

Covered in this manner, the drape can be dropped immediately whenever rain or spray demands. When rolled up and secured, the contents of the console compartment are readily available without cracking knees. Even when the drape is down it's easy enough to flip a corner up and reach in.

Striving to maintain some semblance of progression, let's see what can be done inside the console compartment. Afraid to take your camera onboard for lack of a safe place that's not instantly accessible? Why not build a camera drawer to mount under a console shelf. Line the interior with half inch closed-cell urethane foam and provide a wood thumb bar, or other non-corroding latch, and your camera is both safe and ready for instant use.

Providing you don't overload them with cod sinkers, some of the Rubber Maid drawers found in houseware emporiums serve admirably afloat, even if they aren't particularly nautical in appearance. They're built with a slight "drop" to the drawer as it's closed that usually keeps them that way, but adding a homemade latch is a worthy precaution.

Custom drawers require nothing more than household tools and epoxy glue (the stuff makes the most horrible joinery adequate, if not aesthetic) for fabrication. Drawer slides can be built up from strips of wood, or machined in one piece with a power saw; but however you make them, keep them loose.

"Say again." How many times have you called that out as you dropped the boat off plane to catch a call on the VHF or CB? Why not install a remote speaker on the helm station, preferably up high at ear level? Radio Shack's weatherproof CB speaker may cloud the Boston Symphony a mite, but when a buddy shouts you that he's into fish (he

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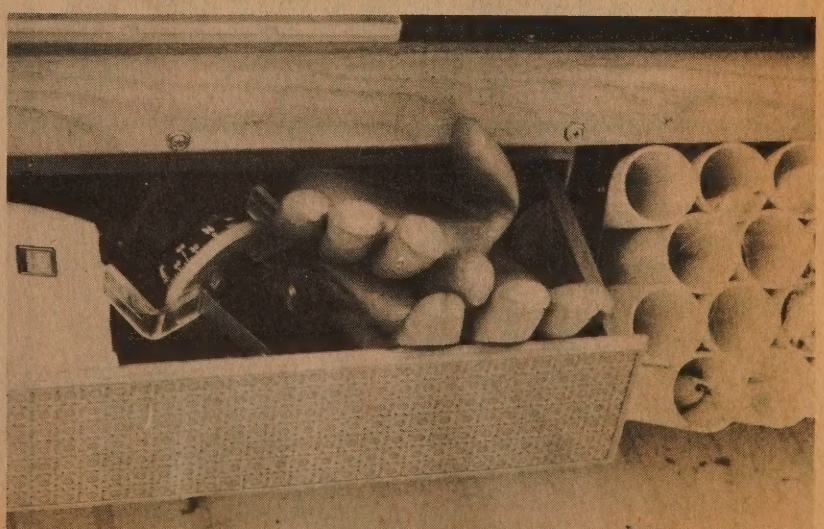
Made from cut-down automotive accessories, these glass racks are neat and simply installed.

Fastened near the top of a below-deck storage compartment, lengths of shock cord neatly contain dock lines and tail ropes. The cord terminals are made of copper tubing crimped to the cord and flattened to form mounting lugs.



Store-bought plastic drawer units designed for kitchen use may not be particularly nautical, but they're quickly installed and eminently useful.

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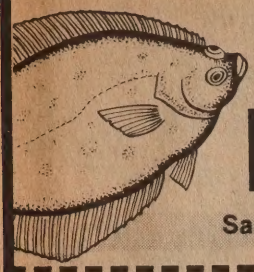

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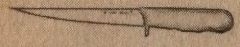

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would...wouldn't he?) you'll hear him.

Incidentally, if you're the fastidious type, have a few tools in the shop, and some stainless steel scraps, discard the metal bracket that comes with the speaker and make one that won't stain the surrounding area as it rusts away. The speaker, itself, stands the gaff well. It's just the bracket that doesn't rate. If you have the facilities, there are many modifications that you can make to truly marinize useful gear that wasn't really designed for the marine environment.

Where is your radio? Crowded into the console with all the other electronic goodies—compromising accessibility to all of them? How many times do you change channels on a trip? Every boat is different, but look around. It's a good bet you'll find a spot where the radio is out of the way yet still accessible to a familiar hand for tuning volume, squelch and an occasional channel change—and the mike is out in the open, ready at hand. Even better: a CB with all the controls in the mike. I've used one for five years now with the receiver buried under sundry gear in the console, unseen until winter cleaning time.

Some of you probably skipper small lobster-type skiffs that have scant room for electronics on the overhead or the shelf abaft the windshield. Some do have ample room, but those that are lacking can tax one's ingenuity. Al Grover solves the problem on his Grover-builts by mounting all the electronics, even radar, on a second cuddy door immediately forward of the actual exterior closure.

Latched ajar at about a 30 degree angle, this inner panel positions the electronics at a good sight angle and readily accessible. It does hamper ingress and egress to the cabin (the panel must be unlatched and swung out of the way), but it's a thing of beauty when securing the boat at the dock. The panel is swung full inboard and latched against the inside of the bulkhead and all the electronics are instantly stowed in a lockable cabin.

Although it takes scant talent to screw a fire extinguisher bracket to the boat, a generous dollop of consideration is prerequisite to screwing it in the right place...cancel that. Make it **them** in the right place. Regardless of minimum C.G. requirements—one extinguisher is not enough. If three are required—that's not enough.

An extinguisher should be instantly available from any area in the boat—and I've had some dicey, close, second-hand experience to prove it! A bottle is useless if it's in the cabin, you're not—and the fire is. The same holds for the other way around. Nor should protection from the weather dictate placement. Coast Guard approved 10-B:C's are available with all-plastic heads for less than $10 on sale. Should they get cruddy after a few seasons, the price easily warrants replacement, and a light smear of petroleum jelly on the head can

extend longevity. Actually, the odds are that should you ever use your extinguishers it will be to aid another boat, not yours. All the more reason to be properly equipped.

If you have windshield wipers on your boat, do you have washers, too? Sun-dried salt spray on the glass clouds one's vision in seconds. Within a minute you might just as well try peering through concrete. A trip to the junk yard should produce a suitable washer unit adaptable to your boat. Almost any pump and container unit can be adapted, although the nozzles can tax one's ingenuity. You might scout the model shops for suitable thin tubing to make your own custom squirters. Too, replacement pumps are available in automotive stores, and I can tell you that the Trico unit is a hefty squirter. With the plethora of plastic jugs littering the marketplace, selecting a fluid container poses scant problems.

Here we go jumping around again, but if you remove all your electronics at the end of each trip—and get slightly ticked at reaching here, there and everywhere disconnecting power leads and antenna cables, a central junction box may well alleviate the chore. It can also make a neat installation out of the usual spider's nest. Rigging the box with its attendant cables and connectors requires electrical experience, but it's not a difficult task if you have someone qualified to help.

Is the anchor line always in the way, either underfoot in the cockpit or threatening to peel off the foredeck and foul the prop? If there isn't any locker available for the purpose, keep a plastic bucket aboard that's large enough to contain the nest. Should there be room for the line under the foredeck, but no direct access, install a hawser pipe allowing the line to be fed directly into the compartment.

The capped pipes available in boat shops are expensive and equally painful to use. They're simply too darned small for the job. I had a much larger one on my Sea Craft for years that made it much easier to feed line. It was a replacement sink drain made of ABS plastic and stainless steel, and sold for a bit over $3. All that was required to install it was to cut away the lower portion holding the plug, bore a hole in the deck, slip the unit in and screw on the nut. It looked as good the day I traded the boat as it did when first installed. No, it didn't sport a cap, but the compartment drained and took scarcely more water in from rain than it did with the wet line coming aboard.

As I said in the previous article, rigging a boat **can** go on forever—and for some skippers it never does end. They'll rig, re-rig and customize until—finally—everything is precisely the way they want it; each item proven in use, every arrangement refined to perfection. That's about when they're overcome by an irresistible urge to trade and start over again.

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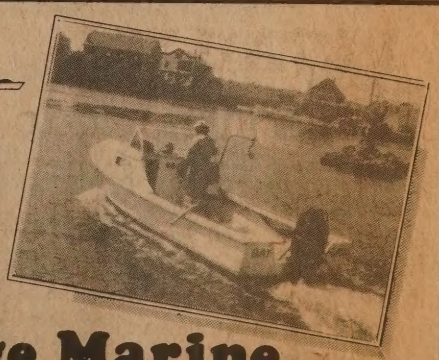

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MACKEREL TECHNIQUES

— HOW TO SCORE ON THE TOUGH DAYS —

by Pete Barrett

Mackerel can be one of the easiest fish to catch, yet there are lots of days when the pickin's can be slim and you have to work extra hard to make a good catch. For the weekend fishermen, it is especially important to make the best out of that single day allotted from the week to lay in a supply of bait for later in the season for fluking, shark fishing or surf baits.

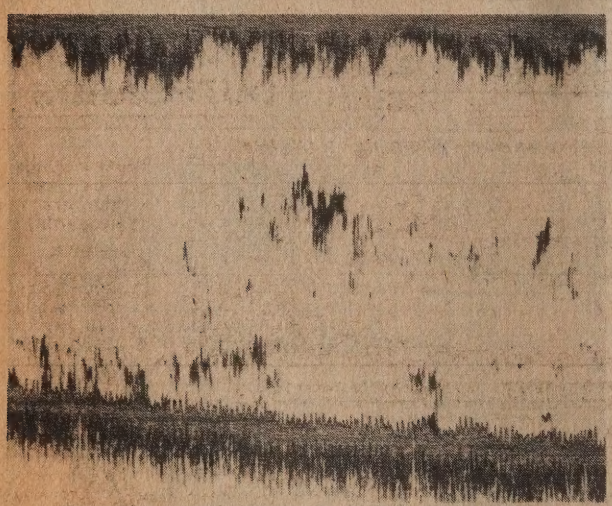
The single most important piece of equipment for improving your mackerel catch is a good depth recorder. It will help you pick out the schools, tell you what depth to fish, and also the technique you should be using.

Bring along conventional and spinning tackle so you can switch to different lure presentations as the fish change location or depth in the water. When the macs are massed down deep, conventional gear is the first choice, but you may find them located right up near the surface and spinning will allow a longer cast to work a mackerel rig up high to catch more fish.

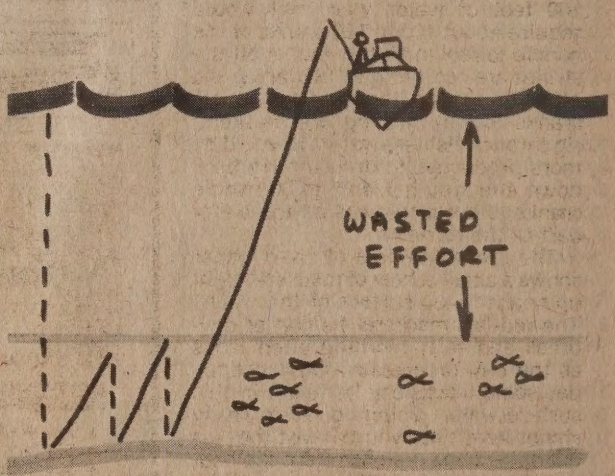
The graph recorder paper in photo one shows lots of macs located in 100 feet of water from the bottom to the mid-depth range. Conventional tackle has both the strength to lift a multiple hookup of fish and since the line is in direct contact with your fingers you can feel hits from fish even as the rig plummets to the bottom. With spinning tackle your hands do not touch the line and you may miss a lot of hits as the rig settles to the bottom because you can't feel the fish swiping at the rig.

There are several variations of the jigging method. Some anglers lift the rod tip in long sweeps, then allow the rig to settle back to the bottom. Others reel in line while jigging the rod tip. Still others simply reel in a few cranks of the handle, then free spool back to the bottom. Each method works, but one method may shine above the others on any particular day or even from one hour to the next. So it pays to switch and vary the retrieve.

Sometimes most of the hits will



Recorder paper shows where fish are located.



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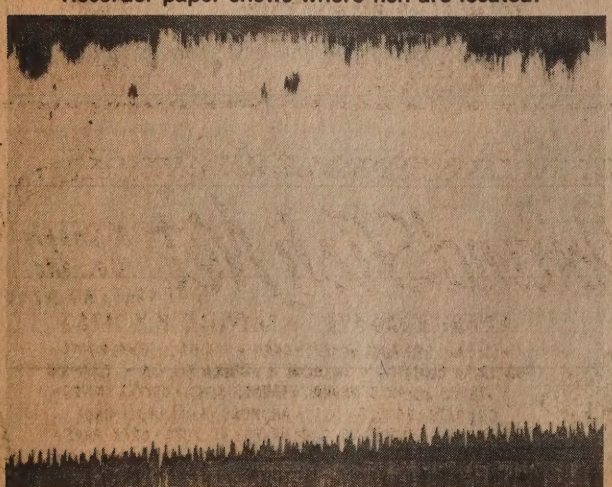
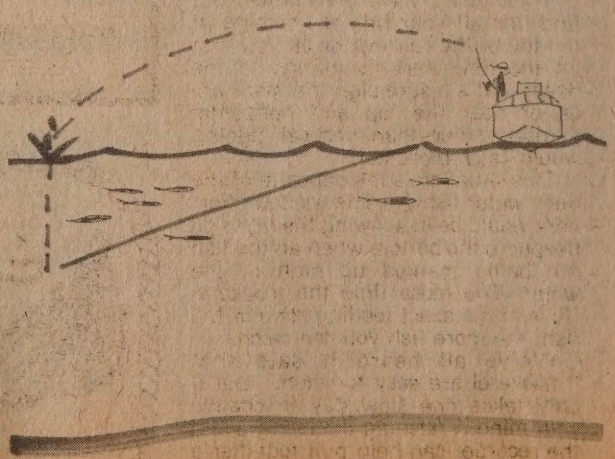


Surface schools of macks call for spinning tackle.



Cast rigs out for better catches of top water mackerel.

come as the mackerel rig is heading to the bottom. This is the reason conventional gear is so important when deep fishing. If you can't feel the hits, you may not catch many fish because the macks are only hitting on the downward plunge. If they hit better in the next hour or so on the next day with a jigging action, spinning will be okay, but be aware that the conventional tackle allows you to fish both ways.

Party boat sharpies use the count-down (or count up) method to help find the best depth to fish. As the rig is sent to the bottom, they count 1000, 2000, 3000, 4000 and so on, until they feel hits. You may find the strikes all coming at a certain depth. By remembering that number as you counted down, you can return to that depth again and again without even the aid of a depth recorder.

Likewise when reeling in, it pays to count off the turns of the handle as you reel in the line. The macks may hit continuously at a certain depth, say 18 cranks of the handle. If all the hits are occurring at 18 cranks, you do not want to come up any higher than that depth.

Keeping track of the turns of the handle saves wasted effort. Let's stay with 18 handle cranks. If you were in 100 feet of water your reel would require about 100 to 120 cranks of the handle to reel in all the line. If all the strikes are occurring at 18 cranks, the effort in reeling the next 80 handle cranks is only moving the mackerel rig through fishless water! It would be more productive to drop the rig back down after you made 25 to 30 handle cranks to avoid the wasted top water part of the retrieve.

The second sample of chart paper shows a small school of mackerel right up near the top surface of the water. The red hot mackerel fishing of day-break and early morning often fades as the day progresses. On a choppy day some macks can be found in this surface water. Spinning tackle really shines here since you can cast the rigs out quite some distance from the boat and then reel in with sweeps of the rod tip for action.

If you don't have a recorder, but find that all your hits are coming at the top of the retrieve or as you first let the lure start its plunge to the deep, that's a sure sign the macs are on or near the top and horizontal jigging rather than vertical jigging would catch more fish.

This situation is the opposite of the deep water fishing. The wasted effort here would be in allowing the rig to go deeper to the bottom when all the fish are being marked up high in the water. The more time the mackerel rig is in the exact feeding zone of the fish, the more fish you can catch.

We've all heard it said that "mackerel are easy to catch," but it only takes one slow day to change your mind. Watching the retrieve and the recorder can help pull together a fair catch on a slow day, and can make a bonanza out of a good day.

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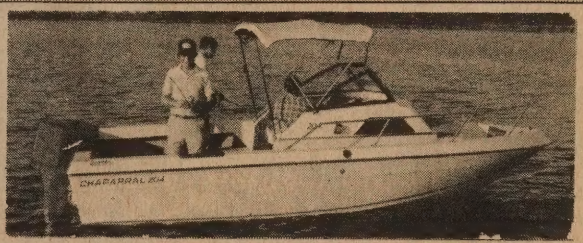

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MOUNT MISERY
SHOAL OF PLEASURE

by Mickey Chiarenza

This fish haven gets plenty of play from Long Island Sound boatmen for good reason.

Almost at the midpont of Long Island's north shore, and approximately one mile northeast of the head-waters to Port Jefferson harbor, lies Mt. Misery Shoal. Marked by a large black can buoy, C11, the shoal is really a formation of rock created by huge glaciers thousands of years ago and formed by melting ice. The shoal is covered mostly by sand and gravel except for the north end where the rock is exposed and rises as a cliff more than 60 feet from the bottom.

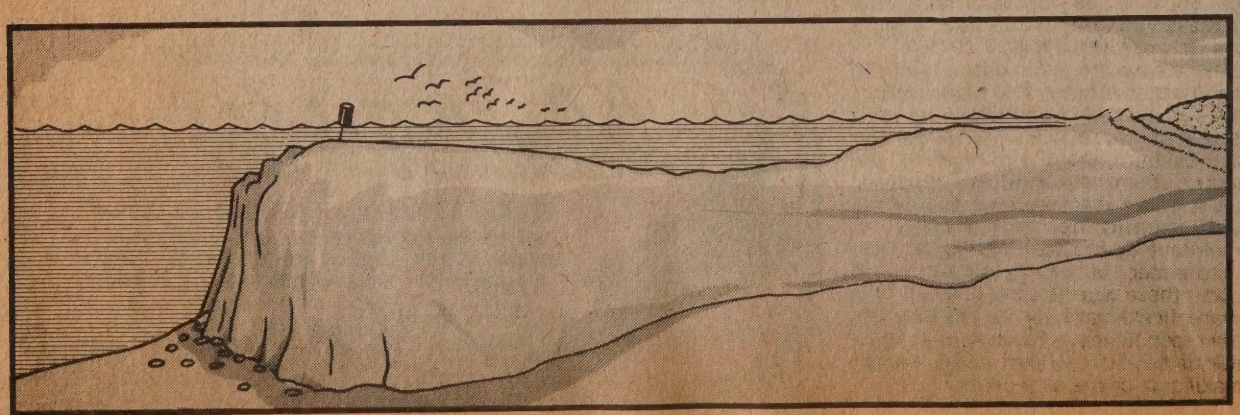
Let us imagine that the water had receded enough to take a walk up to the shoal. If you approach it from the west side, you would come up from a 60 foot trench that is part of the basin at the end of the harbor channel. This is one of the few north shore channels deep enough to accommodate large ships. (Small craft should keep a lookout for these vessels and the wakes they stir up.) Starting at the bottom of this depression and walking eastward, you will find yourself walking up a steep incline of sand and gravel. Getting to the top you will find to the south, a large stretch of barren sand bottom. You will find yourself standing high atop the edge of the cliff. The edge itself is rocky and some of the jagged edge has fallen down the steep slope to the bottom below, a 60 foot drop. A look at the east side reveals a long gentle slope that stretches around to the south side of the shoal. At the base of this side, moss covered stones appear amidst clusters of mussels. Looking towards shore to the south, a pink house, very familiar to regulars who fish this ground, sits high on a bluff.

Now from inside a boat, let's begin again from the west side and taking an easterly course, you will see the bottom rise rapidly on your graph recorder. At the crest of this big hill, it will level off to a water depth of twelve feet or so, depending on the stage of the tide. Now turning to port and crossing over the ledge, the bottom line on the graph paper plunges almost straight down to a depth of 75 feet as the boat cruises north. Turning sharply 180 degrees to the south, once again you record this spectacle. Cruising above in the shallows atop the shoal, you may be able to clearly see the bottom if the water is clear. Moving eastward once again, the graph paper will record a long drawn-out decline of the bottom that will take you almost opposite the pink house and into 25 feet of water.

This great underwater cliff does not stand alone in the Sound, but what makes this one unique is the fact that it towers very near the surface and slopes gradually shoreward. This interesting formation accounts for the area's great fishing potential. Baitfish, comprised mostly of sand eels, find this vast stretch of sand a haven. This sand bottom reaches to the very edge of the cliff, where game fish find shelter in the depths, or at the very doorstep of this bountiful food supply.

Every known species of fish that inhabit the Sound will be found somewhere on, near, or around the shoal. The top of the shoal with its shallow water and sand bottom plays host to crabs and, of course, the sand eels. As the bottom drops down around the edges, game fish are found lurking in the dim water. It is here that bluefish, weakfish, striped bass, blackfish, porgies, whiting, mackerel and others find easy pickings. During high sun periods these fish will be found around the base of the shoal. Blues, weaks and bass will invade these shallows at dawn, dusk and after dark, only to retreat to the deeper waters of the shoal at midday.

Fishermen who frequent this area will chuckle at the mention of stripers for these fish have been virtual strangers here for nearly eight or ten years now. Passing migratory schools have been intercepted in the spring and late fall and catching them an isolated incident. I can remember during the 60s when schools of bass resided here throughout the entire season. I personally caught fish up to 40 pounds and school fish were plentiful and often found chasing sand eels on the shoal. For whatever the reasons, and there are many, these fish dwindled in numbers until the remaining few made up only a fraction of those vast schools. At one time, two great bodies of migrant stripers met in this area during their spring migration. Coming from the west where those fish spawned in the Hudson while the other body of bass arriving some six weeks later (about



Hudson bass are growing in tremendous numbers and the evidence is already here that these fish have been gradually moving east in recent years and will again abound on the shoal.

Much to the surprise of the anglers who fish the shoal and in the absence of the striper, came weakfish. For the past six years the weak has become "king of the hill" and the area the "Mecca" of Sound weakfishing. One might think that a city has emerged from the darkness on a summer night between the shoal and eastward to the pink house as navigational lights from, at times, hundreds of craft, light up the Sound.

Weakfish begin moving into the area by late May and activity peaks by the Fourth of July weekend and tapers off by the end of August. Although earlier arrivals of weakfish are first reported by the first week of May further to the east, the abundance of sand eels around the shoal eventually draw the weaks and hold them for the season. As more and more schools of weakfish arrive they replace the forerunners that move westward. Depending on how much the weaks find to the east on their arrival will depend on how soon they get to the shoal. So, if you are out early in the season for weaks, travel eastward as, sooner or later, you're bound to encounter them.

Sometimes traveling with the weaks are blues which appear about the same time, evidently accommodated by the same water temperatures. Terns will usually give away the presence of bluefish; so if your target is weakfish, fish the bottom below the blues. Working your lures slow and deep to catch these golden beauties. Fish to 14 pounds have been taken around the shoal and a good guess is that fish larger than these will be taken during the coming season as well as a sprinkling of stripers who will likely surprise some unsuspecting weakfisherman.

If there's one fish that has brought fame to the shoals from the very beginning, the honor must be given to the bluefish. Regardless of one's skills, the blues' numbers and eagerness to bite make them a favorite target. Memorial Day usually marks the opening of the bluefish season on the shoal. From this day on, your chances of finding them feeding on the shoal, chasing sand eels are increased. Consistent fishing continues into November depending on water temperatures.

Bottom fishing in this area begins about mid-April, again depending on water temperatures. Among the species that find the cold water of spring comfortable are whiting, herring and mackerel. At one time, whiting and herring were very abundant at the foot of the cliff in deep water, but heavy pressure put upon these species by foreign offshore fleets have put a big dent in their populations. Since the imposition of the 200 mile limit these fish are making a comeback. Although herring are not very popular for the table due to their bony framework, whiting are a valuable food fish as well as tasty. Fishing the deep water of the shoal in early spring with strips of squid or spearing can sometimes fill the fish box.

The author shows a big blue he trolled in deep water just off the shoal.

While in the deeper water, keep an eye out for wheeling gulls, dipping down for sand eels that have surfaced trying to elude a school of mackerel. Mackerel have always been plentiful here and they generally settle in just north of the shoal in the deeper water. Perhaps it's a breeding ground, for the evidence of small tinker mackerel are seen later in the season when many fall prey to larger game fish. Mackerel schools will concentrate in areas where food, especially sand eels, are plentiful. The area around the shoal fills that need. A three to five hook rig dressed with tiny tubes in red or white and a one to three ounce diamond jig tied to the bottom of the rig for weight and attraction is all you need.

Flounder appear here by late April and continue through May. Not small harbor fish, but sea flounder that can weigh up to four pounds. Two pound fish are frequently taken here, but one pound is more the average. These fish will not be found on the shoal itself, but at the base of the shoal on the easterly drop where stones are clustered with mussels. Along the shore line too, patches of mud and gravel will draw flounder. Drifting your boat until you hit paydirt and then anchoring and chumming is the way to go. Big fish like mussels or skimmers on the hooks, while worms, especially sand worms, work well when the water is warmer.

Porgies can be found on the same east slope that flounder and weakfish inhabit for they are after the same type of meal. Porgies can be skitterish and elusive regardless of where you fish for them and they are generally most comfortable in water depths over 20 feet. The best porgy fishing can be found over a series of lumps that rise up to the west of the shoal northwest of the harbor jetties. A good depth sounder or graph recorder

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is necessary to find them. If sand eels are present on the rises, weakfish will be found here too. Blackfish also can be taken right on the bottom with the porgies. Sometimes mackerel can be found here, too, just beneath the surface. Drifting in this area will also produce fluke. Attach a long leadered hook to your bottom rig and use strip baits cut from squid, sea robin or even sundials. Sand eels or spearing are good also, and combination baits often work best. Fluke love to hide in the sand, so the inshore flats of the shoal provide an excellent place for them to feed on sand eels. The flat sandy beaches to the east of the pink house (White's Beach) is also a good fluke hotspot.

Getting back to the west and just south of the shoal is Mt. Misery Pt., actually a kind of rounded off extension of the beach line for a false point formed by rocks and a few large boulders. The bottom is rather rocky here and is good striper ground for plugging from dusk until daybreak. In this general area, bottom fishing can also be very good.

A few miles to the east of the shoal is Mt. Sinai, a large harbor with a ramp, marinas and a fishing station with rental skiffs. The harbor closest to the shoal is Pt. Jefferson Harbor. A large ramp here accommodates hundreds of private boats almost 24-hours a day during the summer months. Rental skiffs, bait and tackle shops and party and charter boats are all available to anglers working from Port Jeff Harbor. Ramps in this area are open to non-residents for a daily fee. Boats also come from Smithtown Bay, but ramps in this area are for town residents only.

The tackle required to fish the shoal and surrounding areas will depend mostly on the species of fish you're after and/or how you like to fish. If you like to troll, a medium trolling rod and matching reel filled with wire line and rigged with a 20 foot monofilament leader of 60 pound test should take care of most trolling situations. It's a good way to find fish if none are visible or when fish are scattered.

The most often used rod and reel combo is a medium-light conventional stick with a reel filled with 20 pound test mono. This rig will take almost any fish in the area and can be used for jigging and bottom fishing. A medium to light spinning outfit also comes in handy when fish surface or for early morning or evening casting.

Diamond jigs in the 1½ to 2 ounce range are favored for most game fishing around the shoal. In deeper water, three and sometimes four ounce jigs are necessary as strong currents become a factor. Inshore, tidal flows are less of a factor and the one ounce lures work well, while two ounce jigs take over on breezy days or in intermediate depths.

This great underwater cliff with its unique bottom formations has long been known as Mt. Misery Shoal, but for those who have learned to fish it, it's simply a "shoal of pleasure."

THE FISHERMAN QUIZ

(1) A SHARK CIRCLES ITS VICTIM BEFORE ATTACKING.
TRUE ☐ FALSE ☐

(2) THE CUTTHROAT TROUT IS THE DESIGNATED SYMBOLIC FISH OF ARIZONA ☐
NEW MEXICO ☐
NEVADA ☐

BY FRED GUARDINEER

ANSWERS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE.

(3) THE STANDARD FOR MEASURING A FISH IS FROM THE TIP OF THE SNOUT *(MOUTH CLOSED)* TO THE (A) FORK LENGTH (B) THE LONGEST TIP OF TAIL (C) CENTER OF THE CAUDAL FIN.

C A B

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐

(4) QUAHOG (A) SQUETEAGUE (B) TORRUP (C) AND TAUTOG (D) WERE COMMON INDIAN NAMES FOR WHICH OF THESE FAMILIAR MARINE ANIMALS?

HARD CLAM ☐

WEAKFISH ☐

BLACKFISH ☐

TERRAPIN ☐

(5) FISH SLEEP WHEN THEY ARE TIRED.
TRUE ☐
FALSE ☐

(6) WHEN FISHING FOR BASS WITH PLASTIC JELLY WORMS, HOW LONG SHOULD I WAIT TO SET THE HOOK WHEN I FEEL A NIBBLE, A READER ASKS?

ZZZ
ZZZ

1-FALSE. MOST ATTACKING SHARKS ARE NEVER SEEN-AND WHEN SEEN THEY HEADED STRAIGHT FOR THE VICTIM. 2-NEW MEXICO. 3-(A) 4-QUAHOG *(CLAM)* SQUETEAGUE *(WEAKFISH)* TORRUP *(TERRAPIN)* TAUTOG *(BLACKFISH)*. 5-TRUE. 6-SET IT AS FAST AND AS HARD AS QUICKLY AS YOU CAN. EVERY SECOND YOU WAIT LESSENS YOUR CHANCES.

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with Bob Lee

We have the fish on the East End but not the weather. This makes the seventh weekend in a row that was a washout. The codfishing continues to excellent at the Cartwright Grounds and the waters around Block Island. Flounder activity is picking up every day.

The open and charter boat captains say the codfishing is very good at Block Island and the Cartwright is still holding its own. Large blackfish and some pollock are mixed in also. Boat stations report good flounder fishing in the coves, inlets, creeks at Shinnecock, Noyac, and Sag Harbor. Lake Montauk has some good flounder fishing also.

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Captain Richie Rade, skipper of the **Montauk**-based **marlin Fleet** reports the codfishing continues to be good at the Cartwright Grounds. Anglers are taking 8 to 12 cod per man, with a few pollock mixed in. Captain Rade said a few 30 pounders are taken every trip. All the fish are taking clam baits.

Captain Bud Dorman, skipper of the 6-man limit open boat **Waxed** ouf of **Montauk** reports good codfishing at Block Island. Anglers are catching 12 to 15 fish per trip. High hooks usually total 30 to 35 fish, that's when the

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weather is good. Most of the cod taken are in the 4 to 12 lb. range. The **Waxed** now sails from the **Montauk Marine Basin.**

Captain Bill Ricca, skipper of the charter boat **Alyssa Ann** based at **Montauk** reports, good codfishing at the Cartwright Grounds. Captain Ricca said drifting proved better than anchoring over one spot. Wednesday saw Bernie Shultz and friends haul 65 cod over the rails. The cod were in the 5 to 12 lb. range, with some blackfish mixed in.

Captain Fritz Hubner, skipper of the **Mistress Too** based at **Montauk** reports his first trip for cod was Tuesday, the 12th. Al Kaich and sons Don and Steve hauled 114 cod over the rails. These fish ran to 15 lbs. and were taken southeast of Block Island. The next day due to the weather, the Mistress Too stayed inside and fished Lake Montauk for flounder. The morning fares had had 72 flounder to 1½ lbs. Most of these flatties were in the 3/4 lb. range. The afternoon charter had 53 flounder. These fish again were 3/4 to 1½ lbs. Saturday saw more windy weather and Captain Hubner stayed with the flounder, catching 43 fish to 1½ lbs. for the Ziolkowski charter from Penn.

Captain John Potts, skipper of the charter boat **Blue Fin** reports good codfishing at the Cartwright Grounds. Tuesday saw the Hertzel group of Melville, L.I. haul 98 cod over the rails. These fish ran to 20 pounds and were taken on jigs and bait. On Wednesday the **Blue Fin** had an afternoon charter and caught 37 cod. Thursday the Feldman group caught 142 codfish to 25 lbs. On the way in Captain Potts fished Lake Montauk, and took 36 flounder to 1 lb. Despite rough weather on Saturday, the Todino group caught 18 codfish plus 6 blackfish. On Sunday the weather, still on the rough side, the F&W Service group of Long Island City still managed 48 cod and 15 blackfish.

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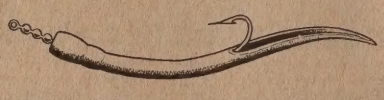

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Ray Baker and Cliff Lynch heft a pair of 30 lb. cod taken on Montauk's CIA Grounds aboard the charter boat, "Nostalgia II."

II reports good flounder fishing all over. The hotspot is off Orient at Petty's Bight. Captain Lach said Wednesday was a slaughter job at this area. Jim Brodnick of Hampton Bays caught a 3 lb. flounder. Jim and his son had 75 other fish running from 1 to 1½ lbs. Sunday was pretty good even though the weather was not. Frank Hoffman of Westbury took the pool with a 2 lb. plus flounder. Frank had a mess of fat flounder also.

Chris Salb of the **Bayview Marine Fishing Station** in **Sag Harbor** reports the flounder action is great. The station's boats are returning with 50 to 100 flounder in the 1 to 2 lb. range. The hotspots are Gibson's off of Mashomack Point and Kelly Point right outside the harbor. Cedar Point is just starting. Mussel and worms do well on these fish, with mussels holding the edge.

In **Noyac**, the **Noyac Marina** reports that the flounder fishing is still a little slow. A few fish can be had in Noyac Creek. Weather permitting, the area off the Salty Dog has a good population of flounder in the 1 to 1½ lb. range. Mussel and worm baits along with mussel chum turns the trick.

Thom Speck of **Speck's Bait & Tackle** in **Southampton** reports the flounder action is still holding up at Heady Creek. This despite the wind and rain. The Shinnecock Canal is producing good flounder action (when the locks are closed) and blackfish have made a showing this past week. Thom said mackerel made a showing on the north side of Shelter Island. School size stripers being caught on the east side of Shelter Island were reported by Thom also.

In **Hampton Bays, Corr's Marina** reports good flounder action if the weather allows. The boats that do venture out, come back with 40 or more flounder in the 3/4 to 1½ lb. range. Heady Creek is still the fisherman's best bet. Worm and mussel baits with plenty of mussel chum turns the trick.

South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

By this time, everyone on the fishing front has their own expletives to describe the pattern of weekend weather that seems to be gripping our area. Rather than dwell on the sour hand we were again dealt this past weekend, lets just say that the good to excellent flounder fishing of the week fizzled on Saturday and Sunday. Needless to say, everyone polled held the weather attributable. Moriches Bay proved the exception on Sunday to the surprise of everyone but more on that in the following reports.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

While Saturday was a total washout, Jim DeVita of **Skidmore's Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** was pleasantly surprised by Sunday's results in NW winds that gusted to over 35 mph and waters roiled by the previous days 'easter and accompanying heavy rains. Working int he lee of Haven's Point, Joe Sanden showed what is possible by singlehandedly nailing 55 big flatties. Also on Sunday andin the same area, Tony Stanzione and Stan Bigora totalled 119 flatties to 2.14 pounds. The pair went through over a bushel of mussel chum and bait during the day. They also took fish on both bloods and sands.

Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** told of catches ranging between 40 and 100 fish per boat during the week and again on Sunday for those who ducked the wind at Haven's Point. Ken Gould, and Lenny and Joe Entler made the

John Stellingwerf, Teddy Laneras, Bob Scanipieco and Rio Scanipieco with 41 big flounder taken NE of buoy 41 in Moriches Bay on sandworms, dyed clams and mussel chum. Photo courtesy of Seatuck Cove Fishing Station.

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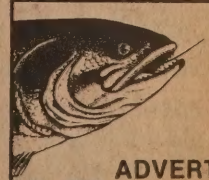
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most of Sunday with 97 nice flatties. During the week, Scott and Al Simpson, Bruce and Tony Baron, Al Kovaleski and Tom and Greg Waldsmith made their journey from Pennsylvania a rewarding one. The group returned home with 218 flatties, nearly all between 1 and 2 pounds. They fished N of buoy 42. Gary reminded that heavy chum is the key to bigger scores.

From **L & M Marine Fishing Station**, Jim Green said that 40-60 fish per boat catches are the norm. Some do much better, others not as well. "Chum is Important". Best action has been near buoy 42 with most fish in the 1-1½ pound range. Nick and Frank King prevailed over Sunday's wind with a 52 fish catch, including a 2½ pounder. They fished buoy 42 with mussels and sandworms.

Another report of some unexpected good fishing on Sunday came from Andy Hegeman at **Seatuck Cove Fishing Station** in **Eastport**. A few of Andy's boats escaped the wind by working the mouth of Seatuck Creek to the tune of 40-60 large flatties. During the week, buoys 41 & 42 both produced some very fine scores. Vinnie and Mike Perri checked in with 58 fish on Sunday.

The **Moriches** open boat, **Capt. Leo** reported average catches of 10-20 fish per man during the week and also on Sunday. Capt. Chip has been working buoys 27 & 29 on both tides with good results. On Sunday, Ken Dinker and Sharon Spina totalled 45 fish while Jeff Hare culled out a 2.7 pound pool winner.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Dave Canale at **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, labelled the entire weekend a bust though he did report that a few boatmen fished on Sunday with not surprisingly picky results. Dave knew of a few nice browns and brookies taken from the tidal reaches of the Connetquot and lots of 10-14" trout, mostly brookies being taken in Connetquot State Park.

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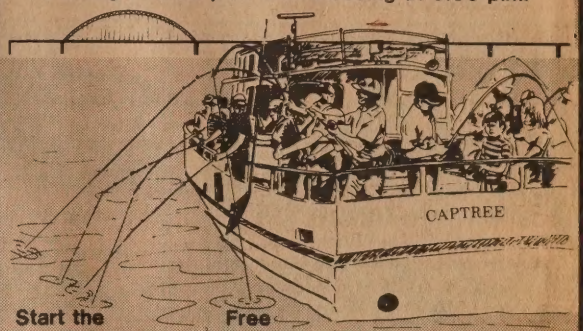

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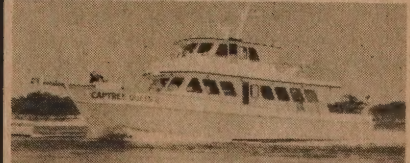

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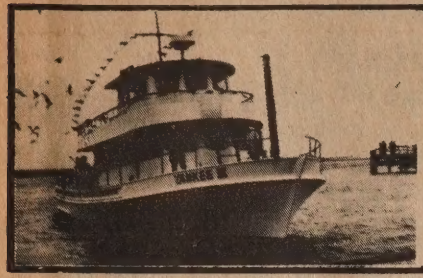

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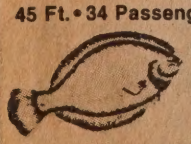

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Irene Cioffi of **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip** had no local news to report but she did look over a nice catch of cod imported from Montauk. Barbara Loeffler and Peter Raibczewski stopped by with 22 cod in the 6-12 pound range taken at Cartwright.

"Real good flounder fishing all week long right up until the weekend," bemoaned Carl Miller of **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** in **Bay Shore**. Good scores were reported from buoys 3 and 4 and along much of the bay's south side, particularly the Clam Pond area and in the Inlet near the Sore Thumb. The latter spot has been especially hot on the ebb tide. Chum and a chum pot are vital if you're looking to rack up a good score reminded Carl. Shore casters have been banging away at the flatties from both the Oak Beach Shore and the Sore Thumb.

The **Bay Shore** open boat **Casey Lee** enjoyed a very good week with the flatties but action on the weekend dropped of sharply due to the storm, according to Capt. Neil Delanoy. The skipper has been working around both East and West Island and most fish have been averaging around a pound. Worms seem to have taken the edge in the bait department this past week. Two of the better scores made during the week included Bob Sank with 43 flatties and Art Hartman with 38.

Captree's open and charter boat fleet suffered through a tough weekend after enjoying real good fishing during the week. The bay is apparently harboring a huge population of flatties and as long as the weather cooperates, fares have been going home with lots of good size flounder. Weather such as we suffered this past weekend temporarily turns the fish off.

Thursday resulted in catches ranging from the high teens to the low

twenties for fares aboard Capt. Richie Westerlind's **Capt. Richie**. Fish were mixed in size up to 1½ pounds with very few throwbacks. Both worms and mussel bait were effective. The weekend was not even deserving of mention.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen II** said that the very good action enjoyed during the week was washed away by Saturday's deluge. The skipper was sure that fishing would be back to normal as soon as things settle back down. Despite very poor conditions on Sunday, Gordon figured that 200-250 flatties were taken by fares in the Sore Thumb Pocket. Pool fish was a two pounder.

The Sore Thumb provided good fishing during the week for Capt. Carl Passerro of the **Jib VI**. The weekend was another story with the Thumb and Clam Pond producing just a pick of fish. Eighty percent of the fish being taken are keepers with some very nice fish mixed in at the Sore Thumb.

Capt. Rod Westerlind of the open boat **Capt. Rod** blamed the weather for Saturday and Sunday's picky fishing, and justifiably so. Under more pleasant conditions during the week, one father and son team put over 80 fish in the box. While most of the boats are concentrating their efforts on the south side of the bay between Clam Pond and the Inlet, plenty of fish still remain on the north side of the bay. This should result in some dynamite action as the flatties filter out of the bay in the weeks ahead.

Capt Charlie Kennedy of the **Capt. Joseph II** echoed the sentiments of other skippers who enjoyed good weekday action but labored through a picky weekend due to the horrible conditions created by another weekend storm. Most of the fishing has been close to port with the skipper working between Atlantique and the Sore Thumb.

Capt. Tom Burke of the **Captree** charter boat **Lady Ann** did a pretty good job on Friday working between Silor's Haven and Point 'O Woods. Saturday was a washout but on Sunday, Tom worked back into the

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Seven-year-old Brian Kearney shows one of seven flounder he caught on his first flounder trip aboard the Captree open boat, "Capt. Joseph II." The fish in the photo tipped the scales at a healthy 1 lb. 13 oz.

bay towards Dickerson Channel and landed on a sizable body of big fish. He used both mussel and clam chum and baits to salvage the day for his party form Sunnydale Farms.

From **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in **Babylon**, Freddie Austin underscored the weekday action but chalked up the weekend as pretty much of a loss though a few private boats did pick away at the fish on Sunday. Among them was Bob Schwartz of the Pride And Joy who managed 30 fish. In contrast, Ed Torkilson and crew put 180 flatties into Ed's Too Much on Wednesday at Buoy 2.

Mike Andreanni of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** looked over a 74 fish c catch made by Mark Sheshedian on Friday in the Sore Thumb Pocket. Saturday was a washout and Sunday wasn't much better though a couple of 30 fish catches did come through the store. Mike figured these catches also came from the Oak Beach-Sore Thumb area.

Capt. Lenny of the **Lindenhurst** charter boat **Fishfinder** managed a fair catch for the Martorana Family on Sunday despite less than ideal conditions. Fishing was done in the Babylon Cut. The skipper is anxiously awaiting the pending arrival of the first mackerel schools and reminds that he does have some choice spring dates open.

From **Comb's Bait and Tackle** in **Amityville** came word of generally godd flounder fishing at west and Squaw Islands. Some good were reported during the week but weekend reports were scant due to the weather. Most of the fish being taken range between ¾-1½ pounds.

West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

We hate to be repetitious, but here goes anyway...fair to very good catches of flounder are being made in this general area on the days that it is not howling wind and pouring rain. In other words, those that can fish, catch fish. Numbers of flounder remain very strong and sizes are now mixed from throwbacks to fish up to 2½ lbs. So don't let your share swim away.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

We hear from Captain Brian of the **Chinco III** that fishing around the weather this week his high hooks ranged in the 20s for flatties from 3/4 to 2 lbs., with the largest fish of the week weighing in at 2 lbs. 5 oz. Mussel worked best and the boat fished all local areas, all of which produced further indicating lots of fish around. Some settled weather will make the catches very strong, Brian indicated. Outgoing tide has been best this week.

Seaford tackle dealer **Lon Wanser** indicated also that the fish are there for whenever you can get out and Lon's customers found the last of incoming to be best this week, with hotspots being Four Corners, Ft. Neck Point, along with West and Squaw Islands. The west side of the drawbridge was also productive. This was all on worms and mussel chum.

The word from **Pop's Fishing Station** in Seaford Harbor is that the floundering this week in general was "fair" with all boats catching, though not in the numbers that they did a few weeks ago. Also, the best producing areas keep changing from day to day. Most consistent has been between the 1st and 2nd Wantagh bridge on the west side this week. The size of the fish has been ranging from midgets to very big flatties, depending on the particular pods moving through that area that day and from tide to tide. Mussels are still producing best, followed by worms and chumming is a MUST.

We learn from Scott at **Merrick Tackle** that a fair number of smallish flounder have been picked this week in Merrick Bay and at the Wantagh bridges, with lots of throwbacks. Worm, clam and mussel have all caught.

As for the **Freeport** boats, catches were very good on several days of the week for the **Capt. Lou Fleet** with

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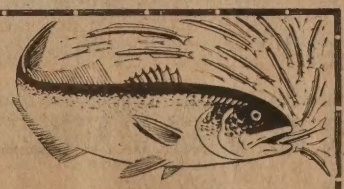
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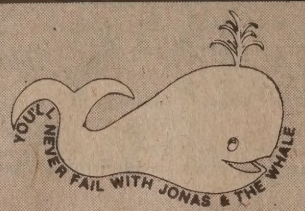

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Thursday seeing Mike Zaweehea of Kew Gardens with 43 keepers, Herb Schwartz with 35 flounder, Victor Levinson with 32 flatties and Gene Martin with 30 fish. On Sunday, Stephen Figueras of Smithy's Fishing Club bagged 29 flounder including a 2¼ lber. John Taska had 25 fish plus a 2½ lb. pool winner. This was all on the **CL III**. Aboard the **CL IV**, Ed Odom on Thursday decked 20 flatties while Fred Medero had 21. Twenty-five flounder was the score for Marty the Magnet. Danny Caranaggio was happy with 20 fish while Sam Goldstein had 16 flatties and Harry Schwartz had 20. Sunday afternoon's trip was a real winner with over 500 keeper flounder taken. Best catches were in Reynolds Channel.

Aboard the charter boat **Capt. Gary**, Sunday, Brooklyn's Alibi Club worked Reynolds Channel, Swift Creek and Jones Inlet for a good day. Sam (last name unknown) took the pool with a 2½ lb. flattie and was also high hook with 19 fish. Gary told us mussels the big fish of the day.

Bob Linger of Franklin Square did his thing Sunday on the **Miss Freeport II**' taking the pool with a 2 lb. flounder and also high hook honors with 20 fish. Fish ran 3/4 to 1½ lbs. with Reynolds and other backwater spots being worked. Captain Tony says decent weather equals good catches.

We learned from the **Bluefin Fleet** that decent floundering was had Sunday on outgoing tide in Jones Inlet and west in Reynolds. Roughly 100 fish were caught from 1/2 to 1½ lbs. The smallest fish were caught in Swift Creek on the flood. Aboard the **BF II** Sunday high hook was a three-way split among George Manders, Ira Schoulder and Stan Reiter. The pool was split between Brian Goldhammer and Scott Markfield. All of these anglers were from Queens. On the **BF III** Dave Buntele took the pool and a high hook honors with 11 flatties. Jim is from Ridgewood.

Fishing has been either red hot or zip was the summary of the week's fishing by Capt. Al Lindroth of the **Capt. Al**. It's been spotty and the skipper laid the blame on the spooky weather, heavy doses of rainwater, seaweed, cold water coming in the inlet with the high tides. There were a couple of days during the week that everything fell into place, however, and catches were decent. The skipper has been noting lots of bergalls and a couple of blackfish during the last few days which are indications that mackerel should be up along our coastline very soon. Keep tuned.

Codfish catches Sunday on the **Starstream II** numbered 70 fish for 15 fares at the rail as the groundswell eased off and the weather moderated. Catches were very good during the week also until Thursday. Fish have been averaging 7 to 15 lbs. on the wrecks. On Tuesday's special offshore cod and pollock wreck trip, Jim Friel of Elmont bagged a 47 pound cod. Sol Bick of Far Rockaway scored with a 54 lb. cod while Pete Cary of

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Massapequa had a 32 and a 40. Louis Mercieca had a 38 lber. plus 13 other cod. Catches averaged 7 to 15 fish a man.

From the **Freeport Boatmens Association** dockmaster Bob advises flounder catches were good during the week and Sunday, mainly in Swifts Creek, Reynolds Channel and Garretts Lead. The **Acme, SuperSpray Ii** have been doing most of the catching this week. Bob says the catches have been nice size and fat. Also take note of the super special offshore cod and pollock wreck trip being made by the **Super Spray II** Memorial Day. See ad for details. Bob said this trip is going to be an extremely long jaunt off the beach.

From **Arthur Street Fishing Station** in Baldwin Jack advises that flounder catches are still good, with most of the catches he sees being made at Middle Bay, Garretts Lead, Scow Creek and Baldwin Bay with a lot of 3/4 to 1½ lbers. in the buckets. Catches are being made on both tides on worm, clam, mussel and a lot of chum.

A wee bit to the south in Point Lookout, we learn that on the **Miss Point Lookout** Thursday morning Ed Gifford of Levittown took the pool with a 2 lber. on Friday's morning trip Rich Smith of Merrick had 20 fish including a 2 lb. pool winner. The afternoon trip saw Roberto Kohl, a visitor fromk California, put away 12 flatties and tie for the pool with Frank Campese who had 15 flounder. Saturday's morning trip in the pouring rain had Arthur Hunstein of Elmont with 12 flounder plus a 2 lb. 3 oz. pool fish. Saturday's afternoon trip was a tough one in the downpour. Please note that all tickets are sold for Sunday, April 24 and Sunday May 1, both trips.

The **Capt. Bill** on Thursday's morning trip had a high hook of 18 fish on incoming tide for Al Engber, Valley Stream. Sunday's pick was slow due to the torrential rains of Saturday. Jones Inlet has been the prime target area.

Marilyn at **Ed's Fishing Station** had 7 boats out on Sunday, one of which trolled 70 flounder at buoy 17 in Reynolds Channel. Ebb tide was the best for fish 3/4 to 1½ lbs. on mussel and worm. The anglers were Mike and Dee Holes and Silvio and John Manini, all of Bay Ridge. On Wednesday Phil Bloom and two buddies caught 70 flounder in the flats just northwest of the station on worms and mussels.

The charter boat **Marie III** on Sunday worked Reynolds, the golf Course, Garretts Lead and Hog channel picking flounder most of the day from 1 to 2 lbs. with a lot of throw backs mixed in. Catches averaged 5 to 12 keepers a man and 6 throwbacks a man. Worms worked best, then mussels, with outgoing water best.

We hear from Charlie at **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook, of Gavin Smith and Walt Thister, Freeport who on Tuesday took 50 flounder working Swift Creek on worm, clam and

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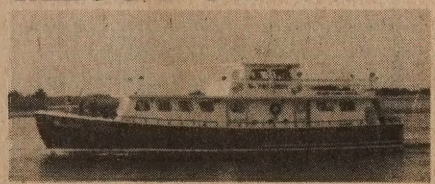
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mussel chum. Then on Thursday, the duo boarded the **Starstream II** and ended up with 15 cod to 14 lbs. along with two blackfish up to 10 lbs. Charlie says there are plenty of flounder around for those who fished for them during the week with best areas being Duck Point and Reynolds Channel. Heavy chumming was the name of the game.

To the west in Long Beach, we learned from **Long Beach Sports Marina** of the plentiful flounder in Reynolds Channel. Best has been at buoys 9, 5, 3 and Duck Point. Ed Myer and brother in law Lou had 30 flatties to 2 lbs. working buoy 3 using bloods and mussel chum. All of the outgoing tide was productive. Seventeen flounder were taken by a surf caster doing his act from the Malibu Beach surf on worms. The Magnolia Pier area is producing but note that the pier itself is closed due to repair work being done.

NEW YORK BIGHT

The flounder are back, said Al from **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** in Atlantic Beach. Sunday's catches he classifies as "super" since the water was clearing. The Magnolia Pier area, firehouse at Long Beach and Duck Point in 5 to 8 feet of water have been very productive. Worms and mussels are working on both tides. Also the SE bulkhead all along Reynolds Channel has been very good.

The word from **Skippy's Tackle** in East Rockaway echoes the news of flounder just about everywhere and in particular Duck Point and Hog Channel.

To the west in Jamaica Bay, from **J-Bay Boat Rental** comes the word that Northwest Point and Silver Hole have been producing flounder to the tune of 15 to 30 per rental boat with fish averaging a pound on blood worms and mussel chum on any moving water.

Both north and south channel bridges, reports **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** are giving forth good catches of flounder and a couple of blackfish, all on worms. Both running tides seem to be working.

Out of Sheepshead Bay, we hear from Capt. Tom of the **Pilot II** that things have been touch and go with weather during the week on blackfish and there has been a very bad heave on. However, on Sunday the boat worked a special wreck that had excellent results on blackfish, all of which were big. A lot of 5-9 pounders were taken with green crabs proving their value. The ocean had flattened out a great deal and conditions were good. The recorder said that the wreck was smothered in blackfish and fares went about proving it.

The word from Capt. Walt of the **Flamingo III** was of a very good Sunday's flounder fishing on just one drop off Annandale. High hook was F. Pontillo, with 55 good flounder.

Second place honors went to F. Marciou with 54 flounder. The pool fish hit 2½ lbs. and catches for 25 fares ran from 25 to 55 fish. Earlier in the week, catches fluctuated with weather conditions. Good weather equates to good catches, said the captain. The boat will be mackereling as soon as the Bostons are close enough. As of Sunday, they were still off Atlantic City.

Good flounder catches were had Saturday and Sunday aboard the **Zephyr** which had fish 1¾ lbs. fishing off Annandale. A few good days were had during the week also, around the weather.

Across the narrows in Staten Island, Lenny at **Santo's Sport Shop** said the name of the game is still flounder with the entrance to Great Kills Harbor, Arbutus Avenue and Princess Bay best for fish from 3/4 to 1½ lbs. You can also try the South Beach and Berger Ave. storm sewers or piers 17 or 18. They're holding a lot of flounder including a lot of throwbacks. Some anglers are using bucktails and Rebels at Bogs for a slow pick on bass from shorts to 3 pounds. A few very small bass at Great Kills Park also.

North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

Except for the very eastern tip, flounder fishing was nearly impossible for most of the week for small boat fans. Party boat fishermen enjoyed some excellent innings, however, and the persistende of harbor action indicates that the best of the flounder fishing may still be ahead. Mackerel are already available, but vicious winds have prevented fishing for them in most locations.

WESTERN SOUND

John Palmieri at **John's Gun** in **New Rochelle** said that nobody got past the breakwater in small craft but that harbor anglers were persistent in their efforts.

John DiCuffa at **Jack's Bait** in **City Island** had three boats out during the beginning of the week with good results close to the station. Catches to 30 fish were mentioned. Dave DeLuca went up to Larchmont for a haul of 287 flatties, among which were several fish over 1½ pounds. Eastchester Bay and Orchard Beach were still producing flounder when you could get to them.

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Dave Watt at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** reported an honest "Nada" on Sunday. Only the harbors were fishable with nobody outside over the weekend, so Dave was busy making rods.

West End open boats sailed most of the week, including Saturday, despite the weather. The **Klondike VIII** found some larger flounder over the weekend in Northport while the **Ebb Tide III** and the **North Star** enjoyed excellent fishing on Sunday in Huntington. Joe Ferraro explained that the action in Oyster Bay tailed off on Sunday, even though Saturday's waterlogged crowd of 30 enjoyed good fishing. The Huntington area more than made up for the trip, with lots of ¾ to 1½ pound fish and pool winners an honest 2 pounds. Dom Cerbone said that the **Apache** caught its first blackfish on Sunday and that the action off the Bayville shore was excellent on both Saturday and Sunday in 20-30' depths and slopes along the beach. Sunday's catch ranged from 20-40 keepers per fare.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Speculation reigned on Sunday around most of the Huntington area. Ronnie Rerraro at **Ronnies** figured that flounder fishermen will have to hunt around outside to find the fish after the northwest blow on Sunday. Bob Cedar at **Huntinton Prop** told us that clammers are seeing scattered mackerel schools now. George Valentine at **Four Winds** suggests bass fishing off Crab Meadow and the Power Plant for fish ranging to less than 4 pounds. Rebels, Trifin Whiptails, and small bucktails are suggested as lures. Some flounder were taken in the area off Lloyd Harbor and inside Huntington Bay as well.

tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in Northport said that the Town Dock is the only place where local anglers cluster on a daily basis.

The **Caraftis Fishing Station** in Port Jefferson said that most reports now were from the harbor. Still, when weather finally permits, Buoy 11, Flack's Pond and Mount Misery Point should be worth a shot.

Dick Brown at **Dick's** in Mount Sinai reported one catch of 3 mackerel plus a pair of 15 pound bass taken by a pinhooker in the Croton area of the Hudson. Private boats have been working flounder inthe harbors of Mount Sinai and Stony Brook and the Port Jeff Ferry dock is also quite popular.

Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's** in **Mount Sinai** saw a lovely catch of 25 flounder in the 2 pound class on Wednesday and plans a trip himself out to Mattituck Inlet at mid week.

Word from the **Ever Ready** seems to indicate the first sailing of the season late this week. Check Packy Collins for details.

NORTH FORK

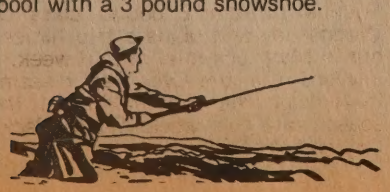
Warren's in **Aquebogue** had no reports on a windy Sunday, but Sal Loria at **Captain Marty's** in **New Suffolk** had some interesting action to report before the storm. Robert Lester and Harold Rosenshein pulled 91 flatties up to the 2 pound class from the South Race on slack water Thursday. They were working between buoys 25 and 26 with worms and mussels. The station's best catch of the season was reported on the 9th by Carl Hansen, 30 fish with many in the 2-3 pound class and one snowshoe of 3 pounds, 12 ounces. That flounder is the largest taken on the North Fork so far this season. Interestingly the catch came from Cutchogue Harbor, not from Nassau Point.

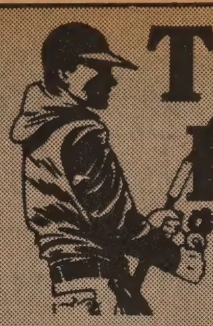
The **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** had one superb catch on Wednesday, 51 fish topped by a 3 pound, 8 ounce giant. The flatties were recorded by two anglers in 5 hours.

Art White of the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** told us that mackerel broke loose off the Greenport Breakwater on Sunday morning. Open boats have been doing well in the usual areas from Dering Harbor and Bug Light to Long Beach with the **Tuna** weighing a 3¼ pound snowshoe at the shop. The most intersting news was flounder action off Orient and the Sound Side this week.

Most open boats enjoyed a good day of fishing Sunday, especially after winds dropped in the afternoon. Richie Jensen's **Nancy Ann** found good numbers, more than 200 flounder to 1½ pounds, between Orient and Petty's Bight, for the Twins Inn Fishing Club, and the **Peconic Star** also did well for a capacity crowd on Sunday. Barry Riordan was hi-hook on the Star with 31 fish while Yoshinori Mori took the pool with a 2.12 pound flattie. Same day, Bob Pace and his fiance had 51 flatties between them. Anna Mae Rainis told us that the **Blue Albatross** had a super Sunday and a super week as well. Best open boat pool last week was Jack Hogan's 2 pound, 10 ounce flounder, and Sunday's pool winner went 2¾ pounds. The Albatross is chartering on weekend and running open from Monday thru Friday. Jerry McGrath expects to get the **Nostalgia** out of Mattituck Inlet next weekend after getting blown out on the Sound this weekend. Whitecap City was the rule in that area thru Sunday.

Larry Ciccato opened his season with the **Prime Time** out of Orient on Sunday, and scored off Long Beach and Petty's with 20 fish per fare. Sal Bilogna was hi-hook and topped the pool with a 3 pound snowshoe.





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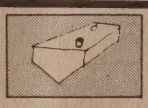
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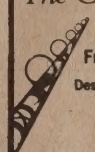
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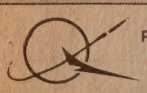
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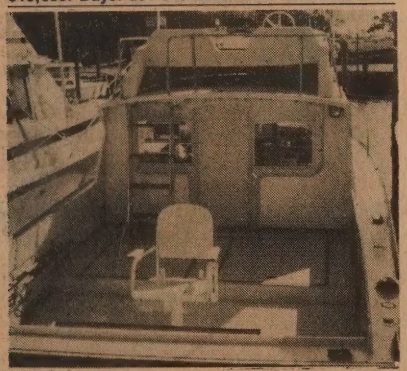

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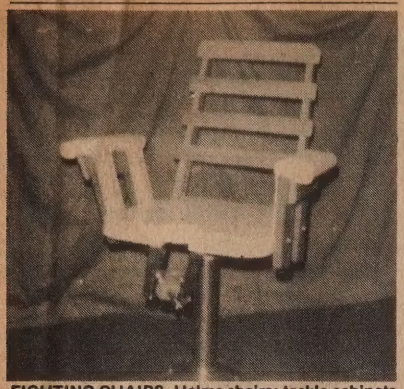

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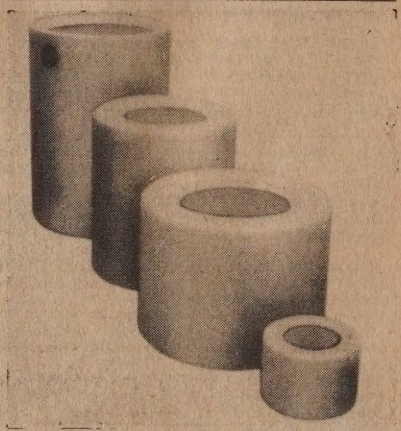

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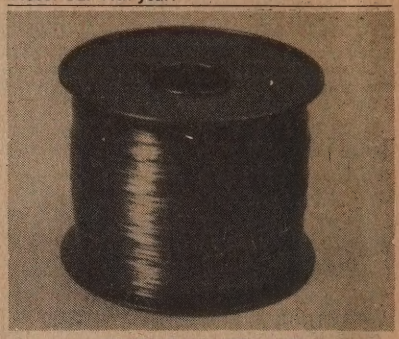

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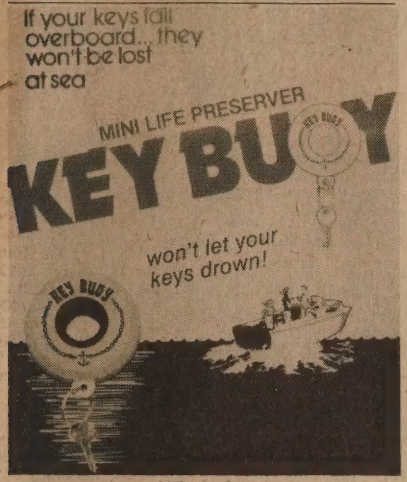

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High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . –0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	2:10	3:00	3:00	3:45	2:50	3:35	3:45	4:35	5:35	6:55	5:40	6:20	2:15	2:55	4/21
FRI.	3:20	4:05	4:10	4:50	3:55	4:40	4:55	5:35	7:20	8:05	6:45	7:20	3:20	3:50	4/22
SAT.	4:25	5:05	5:15	5:45	5:05	5:40	6:00	6:30	8:30	9:00	7:50	8:20	4:20	4:45	4/23
SUN.	6:25	6:55	7:10	7:35	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:20	10:25	10:50	9:50	10:10	6:15	6:35	4/24
MON.	7:15	7:40	8:00	8:25	7:50	8:15	8:50	9:05	11:15	11:35	10:40	11:00	7:00	7:25	4/25
TUES.	8:00	8:20	8:50	9:10	8:40	9:00	9:35	9:50	—	12:05	11:30	11:45	7:50	8:10	4/26
WED.	8:45	9:05	9:35	9:50	9:20	9:40	10:20	10:35	12:20	12:45	—	12:15	8:35	8:55	4/27
THURS.	9:25	9:45	10:20	10:35	10:05	10:25	11:05	11:15	1:00	1:30	12:30	1:00	9:20	9:35	4/28

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehobeth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	–0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point, north side	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	–0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rochelle	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	–1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 4/21	5:12	6:48
FRI. 4/22	5:10	6:49
SAT. 4/23	5:09	6:50
SUN. 4/24	6:07	7:51
MON. 4/25	6:05	7:52
TUE. 4/26	6:04	7:53
WED. 4/27	6:03	7:54

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 4/21	12:21PM	2:20AM
FRI. 4/22	1:34PM	3:00AM
SAT. 4/23	2:46PM	3:33AM
SUN. 4/24	4:56PM	5:03AM
MON. 4/25	6:06PM	5:32AM
TUE. 4/26	7:14PM	5:59AM
WED. 4/27	8:22PM	6:28AM

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4/13	4/20	4/27	4/5

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	—	6:05	12:15	6:35
Fri.	12:50	6:55	1:05	7:25
Sat.	1:40	7:45	1:55	8:10
Sun.	3:25	9:30	3:40	9:50
Mon.	4:05	10:15	4:25	10:40
Tues.	4:55	11:00	5:10	11:25
Wed.	5:40	11:45	5:55	—
Thurs.	6:20	12:05	6:45	12:35

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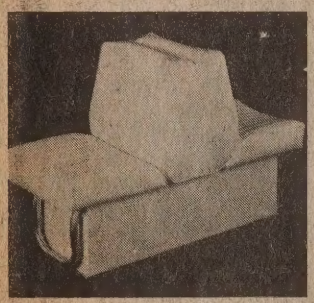

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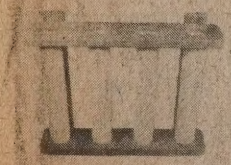

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